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HIGHLY IMPORTANT

OFFICIAL WAR GAZETTE.

DESPATCHES FROM GEN. CANBY.

GEN. GRANGER'S VICTORIES

CAPTURE OF FORTS CAINES AND POWELL.

Many Prisoners, Guns, &c., Taken.

FORT MORGAN INVESTED.

GEN. SHERIDAN'S OPERATIONS.

The Rebels Are Driven Down the Valley.

NEWS FROM OTHER ARMIES.

Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc., Etc.

WASHINGTON, August 16, 10:30 A. M.—Major-General Dix, New York:—The following official report of the surrender of Fort Gaines, and the abandonment of Fort Powell, dated August 9th, at New Orleans, has been received from Major-General Canby:—

"Fort Gaines, with 56 commissioned officers, and 818 enlisted men, with its armament of 26 guns intact, and provisions for twelve months, has surrendered unconditionally.

"It was occupied by our forces at 8 o'clock yesterday morning.

"Fort Powell was abandoned, its garrison escaping to Cedar Point. Its armament of 18 guns is in condition for immediate service.

"Admiral Farragut will immediately invest Fort Morgan, leaving garrisons in Forts Gaines and Powell."

A telegram from General SHERIDAN'S command, dated August 14, at Cedar Creek, was received this morning. It states that except MOSEBY'S and WHITE'S guerillas, there is no enemy this side of the Blue Ridge, that SHERIDAN'S trains are all up, and his army in fine condition.

General Sheridan, in a despatch of the 11th instant, reports that the stories of plunder taken from Maryland by the Rebels are all humbugs. They have very little—just enough to subsist upon and no more, most of which has been taken from the Shenandoah valley.

In another depatch, dated the 12th of August, he says:—"General Early's train is a very small one, not exceeding 250 wagons, and the stories about accumulated plunder from Maryland are untrue."

The Department has received an unofficial report from Fortress Monroe that movements were being made yesterday in front of Petersburg, but owing to the telegraph line being broken, no information has been received from headquarters.

The Department is without any recent intelligence from Atlanta.

The Rebel papers received here say nothing about Mobile since the capture of Fort Gaines.

EDWIN M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

MORE ABOUT McCOOK'S RAID

RELIABLE PARTICULARS.

ADMIRABLE SUCCESSES GAINED

REBEL GEN. ROSS CAPTURED.

THE DEFEAT OF OUR CAVALRY AT NEWMAN'S.

LOUISVILLE, August 15.—We learn from an officer of the 2d Indiana Cavalry that in the late raid McCook started out with 2200 men, entirely independent of Stoneman, captured or destroyed 1160 wagons, over 3000 mules and horses, a vast amount of quartermaster and commissary stores, destroyed the railroad and telegraph at Palmetto and both sides of Lovejoy's station, captured 1000 prisoners, of which number 72 were commissioned officers, including General Ross and most of his Tennessee Brigade.

McCook was surrounded near Newman by Wheeler, Roddy, Jackson, and an infantry division. He lost about 300 men, and fell back gradually.

REBEL RAID INTO ILLINOIS

Capture of Three Steamers Loaded With Government Cattle.

HIGH-HANDED PROCEEDINGS

INDIANAPOLIS, August 15.—The Rebels under Colonel Johnson, estimated to be 1500 strong, captured three steamers near Shawneetown, Illinois, on Saturday night. The steamers were loaded with cattle, belonging to the Government, for the use of the forces stationed along the Ohio river to protect the border of Indiana. At the last accounts the Rebels were ferrying the cattle across the Kentucky river. It is now supposed that they will not attempt to cross to Indiana.

CAIRO, August 15.—About five hundred Rebel cavalry, under Colonel Johnson, crossed the Ohio river into Illinois at Saline bay, on Saturday. The steamers *Kate Robinson, Jenny Perkins, Nightingale, Famine, Brandon,* and *Clara Hall* were aground at that place and were captured, with a large amount of stock aboard. The captured boats were compelled to pay several thousand dollars each to save them from destruction.

LOUISVILLE, August 15.—Passengers arriving at New Albany, Ind., say that Johnson, with a body of Rebel cavalry, is threatening Henderson, Kentucky. Our garrison there is composed chiefly of negro soldiers, who are under the protection of our gunboats, which are ready to shell the town in case the Rebels succeed in getting in there.

Many of the inhabitants are fleeing north of the Ohio river.

Captain J. H. Terry, for a long time an active and efficient member of the Quartermaster's Department here, has been appointed and assigned to the office of Quartermaster of this post.

Arrival of the "Hansa."

NEW YORK, August 16.—The steamer *Hansa* has arrived via Southampton. Her news is anticipated.

EUROPEAN NEWS.

"CITY OF BALTIMORE" AT NEW YORK.

THE WAR IN DENMARK.

Basis of the Peace Negotiations

NEW YORK, August 16.—The steamer *City of Baltimore* arrived this morning from Liverpool on the 4th instant.

Her advices have been mainly anticipated by the steamer *North American*.

The reported capture of Atlanta caused great satisfaction in England among the friends of the Union, and the Rebel loan declined 2½ in consequence.

The London *Times* says it appears likely that the American Government will recognize the new Government of Mexico before England does.

Parliament had adjourned.

At the fishmongers' banquet Lord Russell and Lord Palmerston both maintained that the dignity and honor of England had been upheld in its efforts to secure peace in Denmark.

The Peace Bowing is stated to be the basis of peace between Denmark and Prussia and Austria.—Lauenburg, Schleswig, and Holstein are to be ceded to the great German Powers.

The Island of Arro is to remain with Denmark; Alsen and the Islands of the North Sea to go with Schleswig.

On account of the Danish enclaves in Schleswig, a rectification of the Jutland frontier will take place.

A Berlin despatch of the 3d says—"A telegram, dated Vienna, the 1st, states that an armistice has been concluded for three months, terminable on six weeks' notice."

The United States frigate *Sacramento* arrived at Falmouth on the 2d instant.

Commercial Intelligence.

LONDON, August 4.—Consols closed at 89¾@90¼ for money.

The Bank of England has advanced its rate of discount to 8 per cent.

AMERICAN STOCKS.—Illinois Central Railroad 44@43 per cent. discount; Erie Railroad 41@40.

LIVERPOOL, August 5.—Cotton sales for the week 34,000 bales, including 3500 to speculators and 5500 to exporters. The market dull, with a decline of ⅛@¼d. on all descriptions; sales to-day 3000 bales, including 1000 to speculators and exporters—the market closing flat, at the following quotations for Middling:—Orleans, 31¼d.; Mobile, 33¼d.; Upland, 30½. Stock in market 260,000 bales, including 15,500 American. Breadstuffs dull, with a slight decline in all qualities. Provisions dull, and tending downwards, and quotations barely maintained.

LONDON, August 5.—Consols closed at 90¼ for money. The bullion in the Bank of England has decreased $119,000.

Illinois Central shares, 43 per cent. discount; Erie, 41¼.

LONDON, August 5.—The advance of the bank rate of discount to 8 per cent. has depressed the market.

There is no political news of importance.

THE PIRATE "TALLAHASSEE."

AN INTERVIEW WITH THE CAPTAIN.

HE DESTROYS FIFTY VESSELS IN ONE WEEK.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PIRATE.

More of the Same Sort Afloat.

BOSTON, August 16.—Captain Reed, of the brig *Billow*, before reported captured by the *Tallahassee*, gives the following particulars of his interview with the pirate captain:—

I was two hours and a half on board the *Tallahassee*. She has one pivot gun, three forward guns, and one brass gun, of large calibre, on the hurricane deck. She has also several spare guns.

Her captain, John Wood, was quite free and unconcerned in his talk with us, and said he could steam sixteen knots an hour, and had crossed the British Channel (twenty-one miles) in seventy-two minutes.

He would not fight, he said, unless compelled to, and preferred to run, as his vessel was so fast.

He also observed that within one week he had destroyed over fifty vessels, and that within thirty hours of my capture he said he had destroyed sixteen sail—namely, three ships, two barques, and the rest hermaphrodite brigs and schooners. One of the ships was the *Adriatic*, of New York, captured the same day he took my vessel.

He added that he would slacken our coasting trade so that Uncle Abe would be glad to make peace.

He asked me about the Nantucket light-boat, and afterwards said, recurring to his designs, that there were more afloat than the *Florida* and *Tallahassee*, meaning, of course, the Confederate ships of similar character to his own, and Uncle Abe had better look out.

Captain Wood appeared very affable and said he was performing an unpleasant duty.

The *Tallahassee* is an iron steamer of English build, schooner rigged, has no yards or topmasts, and lost her mainmast in collision with the *Adriatic*.

She is a very long narrow vessel, burns soft coal, and has almost a hundred men on board, who are subject to the discipline and order of a man-of-war. All the officers are Southerners, and she had three or four negroes on board, who did not appear very jolly.

THE WASHINGTON "CHRONICLE" ON PEACE

Special Despatch to The Evening Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, August 16.—The Washington *Chronicle* of to-day has a significant double-leaded leader, on the road to lasting peace, which concludes as follows:—"We would see Mr. Lincoln out of the canvass, with all our attachment to his person, and our high sense of his worth, if by such a surrender we could save the country from the election of a representative of a dishonorable peace on the basis of separation. From that catastrophe we must be saved at all hazards."

ALL QUIET AT ATLANTA.

Return of Correspondents from Sherman's Army.

NASHVILLE, August 15.—Several correspondents of different newspapers have arrived here from below, as they anticipate no early movements of importance.

Promotion of General Averill.

IN THE FIELD, Va., August 15.—General Averill has been made a Major-General for his gallant fight of Moorefield and successful operations during the last month.

Sinking of a Steamer.

CAIRO, August 15.—The steamer *Gladiator*, from St. Louis for New Orleans, loaded with Government freight, struck a rock in the Mississippi river, thirty miles above here, yesterday, and sunk to the main deck. She will doubtless be raised.

The Ex-Mayor of Memphis.

CAIRO, August 15.—The Memphis *Bulletin* says ex-Mayor Parks has been released from prison, having written a penitential letter to the military authorities.

NEW YORK, August 16.—Stocks are dull. Chicago and Rock Island, 114; Cumberland preferred, 60; Illinois Central Railroad, 124; Michigan Southern, 92; do. guaranteed, 146; New York Central, 134; Reading, 1.58; Hudson River, 1.07; Canton Company, 37¼; Virginia 6s, 54; Missouri 6s, 58; Erie, 113¼; One-Year Certificates, 94; Five-twenty Coupons, 1.05; Registered, 1.03; Ten-forties, 1.00; Coupon 6s, 1.00; Gold, 2.50.

BALTIMORE, August 16.—Flour is dull. Wheat firm; sales of 5000 bush. Corn advancing, and white 2c. better; yellow dull. Whisky firm and 1c. better. Groceries are quiet.

FOURTH EDITION.

ARMY OF POTOMAC.

A MOVEMENT ON SUNDAY.

OUR SPECIAL DESPATCH.

THE SECOND CORPS MAKES A BRILLIANT CHARGE.

Five Hundred Prisoners and Seven Pieces of Artillery Captured.

Our Troops Hold the Captured Position.

Special to The Evening Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, August 16.

The *Star* says the mail-boat *Keyport* from City Point reports that the movement of the 2d Corps up the James river on Saturday night resulted in the routing of a considerable Rebel force at Dutch Gap, and the capture of five hundred prisoners and seven pieces of artillery.

The position occupied by the enemy is said to have been a strong one, and is now occupied by our troops, who are able to hold it.

The *Keyport* took down from Bermuda Hundred to Fortress Monroe over one hundred prisoners from this fight, about forty of whom claim to be deserters. There was but little hard fighting done, as Hancock accomplished his purpose by a skilfully executed feint, and a surprise. Consequently our loss is small, being estimated less than one hundred. Previous to the movement up the river, the troops were placed upon transports, and moved down ostentatiously to below Harrison's Landing, thus completely deceiving the Rebels, who at once supposed that the siege of Petersburg and Richmond was being raised.

Under cover of the night the troops were turned up river again, and the result was a complete surprise of the enemy.

Our troops have now gained, it is said, an important position within two miles of Fort Darling.

[ANOTHER ACCOUNT.]

WASHINGTON, August 16.—A passenger in the mail-boat from City Point, which arrived to-day, reports that a detachment of the 2d Corps on Sunday swept round to Deep Run, and captured a number of prisoners.

About eighty of them were yesterday landed at Fortress Monroe. They are South Carolinians, and belong to Longstreet's Corps. Their appearance indicates that they have suffered hard service.

GRANT'S NEW MOVEMENT

RICHMOND OR PETERSBURG TO FALL.

FORT DARLING IN DANGER

GREAT SUCCESS THUS FAR.

Important News Expected Soon

ASPECT OF THE CAMPAIGN CHANGED.

WASHINGTON, August 16.—Information has been received here of a great strategic movement on the part of General Grant, which will, if successful, change the whole aspect of the campaign in Virginia.

At the time the mail-boat left City Point yesterday morning the movement was progressing favorably, and had already met with great success, and will compel Lee to evacuate either Richmond or Petersburg, as it will be impossible for him to hold both, and must ultimately accomplish the reduction of Fort Darling.

Operations are in progress on both sides of the river, although at the date of the last advices the principal one had been on the north side, in which the whole of one of the principal corps and parts of two others were engaged. Great confidence is felt here, by those who are in a position to be well informed in regard to the facts, of complete success.

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

Departure of General Burnside—Espionage of Private Kick, the Bridegroom of Miss Tyler—Promotion of Mr. Youngman.

DEPARTURE OF GENERAL BURNSIDE.

NINTH ARMY CORPS, BEFORE PETERSBURG, August 14, A. M.—General Burnside, accompanied by several members of his staff, took his departure last night for City Point, whence he starts for the North to-day on leave of absence. The command of the corps has devolved upon General Willcox, of the 3d Division, who is succeeded there by General Harbaugh.

THE TYLER ROMANCE.

Private Kick, the hero of the Tyler romance, made his appearance in camp a few days since. He says that his bride is a niece, not a daughter, of ex-President Tyler. During the transit of the army from the Chickahominy to the James, many of our officers visited the Tyler mansion, and saw the young lady there, whom they supposed, from her name (Miss Tyler) to be the late Chief Magistrate's daughter. Indeed, if I am not mistaken, the aged relative introduced several of our generals to her as such.

Be the facts as they may, it was the report here when I wrote, that the soldier was married to a daughter of President Tyler. With all due deference then to a lady's statement, is Mrs. Tyler fully correct in the assertion that my account was a "pure invention?"

Chapter II of the romance is one the conclusion of which leaves the happy pair in anything but a happy condition. After marriage they made their way up the James river to Bermuda Hundred or City Point, where the bride remained while the bridegroom started for his regiment to engineer a furlough.

His application was, I believe, backed by General Butler, and came through the headquarters of General Potter, who returned it to the regiment for a statement of the man's character as a soldier. Alas! for his bright dreams of bliss, the contemplated bridal tour of thirty days to Niagara Falls here received a sudden quietus. Private John Kick, for some reason, was consigned to the tender mercies of the Provost Guard, and is now under arrest.

Report says some naughty things of him; but, lest I should give publicity to unfair charges, I refrain from stating them. Report also has it that Mrs. Kick was at City Point at last accounts, awaiting the return of her liege lord. I hope the events of chapter three may be more agreeable to all parties concerned.

THE MORTARS AGAIN.

Another lively mortar duel took place last evening, and lasted until near midnight. As usual, "nobody hurt."

PERSONAL.

Lieutenant-Colonel Pierce has been assigned as Chief Quartermaster of the Corps, a position which has been temporarily occupied by Captain Halstead.

Mr. J. C. Youngman, a member of the 51st Pennsylvania, and for nearly three years clerk in the Adjutant-General's Department of the 9th Corps, has been appointed by the President Assistant Adjutant-General of Volunteers, with the rank of captain. No promotion could be more deserved. Captain Youngman has received a short leave of absence, when he will join the corps for duty with one of the divisions or brigades.—*N. Y. Herald.*

GENERAL BUTLER'S NEW MOVEMENT.

AFFAIRS ON THE JAMES RIVER.

CROW'S NEST, ON THE JAMES RIVER, August 12, 7 A. M.—The gunboats opened a most heavy fire on the enemy from this point an hour since, and I am sorry the reason of their doing so is contraband to the public. I may, however, say that the enemy are developed in sufficient force in our immediate front to fully warrant the severe shelling they are receiving, and when its cause shall reach the public ear there will be new occasion for an expenditure of admiration on this campaign by the people.

Otherwise the general quiet throughout this section has not been interrupted since my despatch of yesterday morning.

GENERAL BUTLER'S HEADQUARTERS, August 12, 8:30 A. M.—The firing continues, and Major-General Butler and staff have proceeded to the scene at Crow's Nest, adjacent to Dutch Gap. It is too late to supply further particulars.

AFFAIRS AT DEEP BOTTOM.

DEEP BOTTOM, SOUTH SIDE JAMES RIVER, Virginia, August 13, Evening.—There is every indication hereabouts that the enemy will hear from the United States forces stationed on the north bank of the James at this point within the ensuing twenty-four hours. If my prediction proves true, the enemy will have ample occasion to feel the weight of the power of the United States, and doubtless to wince beneath it.

DEEP BOTTOM, August 14, 8 A. M.—The ball has opened for the possession of a position essential to our further operations.

At about 2 o'clock in the afternoon one of the monitors opened on the rams after dropping down the river, and did some excellent execution.

FORT OF ROCKS, VA., August 14, 9 A. M.—My brief despatch of yesterday evening foreshadowed the sharp contest between the Rebel rams and our artillery that opened as it was written, and the music was fearful, rising meanwhile to verify its statements. I herewith transmit a full account of the engagement, and overlooking, by permission, the causes that immediately led to it.

A CANAL SCHEME.

For some time past Major-General Butler has been coming over a brilliant scheme whereby to annoy the enemy and advance the Union interest in this region materially. His plan contemplated nothing less than the construction of a canal at what has been hitherto known as Dutch Gap—hereafter to be known as Butler's Gap—in the face of the enemy, which, when done, might, among other results, by reason of its situation, compel the Rebels to extend their line of defense a distance of four miles—that is to say, the distance saved to us by the digging of the canal, which is to be one hundred and forty yards in length, is seven miles of watercourse to the James river. Some four days since the proper details of men and officers were made for this important and hazardous work, and these men were encouraged in its performance by extra inducements, and placed under the general command of Major Lodlow, of the department staff.

The work proceeded handsomely for three days, during the last of which the enemy discovered our operations and made instant preparation to open fire, which the result will show to have been an advantageous one for them, though Lodlow nobly and successfully held his position, still holds it, and will continue to hold it until his appointed work is accomplished.

THE APPEARANCE OF THE REBEL RAMS.

At five o'clock yesterday morning two Rebel rams, believed to be the *Virginia* and the *Richmond*, though some think one of them was the *Lady Davis*, appeared at Dutch Gap, in the James river. The James at this point forms a promontory, which is very narrow at its apex. The shape of this promontory is in the form of a long tongue, and, verging to the northward and westward, makes another turn, which forms a point similar to the first, east by north.

Hence the river bends yet again, and forms a third angle, running northwest. Under cover of this angle, completely and literally sheltered from our gunboats, lay the two Rebel rams. Their position was such as, taken in connection with the Howlett House battery of the enemy, to subject our forces to a severe enfilading fire, which was borne throughout the day with manly fortitude by our men.

OUR ADVANTAGES OF POSITION.

It was one of our advantages of the day to inaugurate and keep up a cross fire, which we made to bear most heavily upon the enemy, our artillery having excellent range of their batteries, including the famous Howlett House battery, from which work our fire dismounted and disabled a gun early in the day, finally silencing the battery, as well as the enemy's batteries situated in the bottoms.

The Union monitors and gunboats, as before stated, lay wholly quiet in their positions at Crow's Nest, in the James, not participating in the action of the morning by reason of the peculiarity of the enemy's position, set forth above.

The successful construction of the canal, of which there can be no doubt, will, it is alleged, enable our gunboats to wholly overcome the formidable obstructions in the James river, and possibly ultimately be the means of their engaging Fort Darling, and other Rebel strongly fortified places adjacent to Richmond, and perhaps, before the end comes, operate largely in the reduction of the Rebel capital itself.

These are glowing anticipations; but nevertheless they are capable of realization by patient and indulgent waiting for. Any one of these results, added to the necessity imposed upon the enemy of lengthening his line of defense a distance of four miles, requiring several thousands of men to man this prolongation of their lines, will certainly be regarded as adequate compensation for the time, labor, and men bestowed upon the accomplishment of the undertaking.

THE CONDUCT OF THE NEGROES.

The negroes, who are largely engaged upon the work of constructing the canal, behaved well under the continuous and galling fire of the day, never for an instant flinching, but standing to their work manfully and creditably. This fact was a source of favorable comment during the day, and I am glad to be able to record it.

THE RESULT.

In every view the substantial results of the day remained to us at nightfall. There can be no manner of doubt that we administered a severe lesson to the foe, and punished him stoutly for his temerity in killed and wounded. The work upon the canal will go on to completion, and we shall insist upon all its completed advantages, though we shall not probably realize them fully without further dispute of a similar character to that we have encountered to-day.

PERSONAL.

Colonel John W. Shaffer, Chief of Major-General Butler's staff, left by special steamer for Washington yesterday afternoon. The movements of this distinguished gentleman, just at this moment, too, are especially significant, when regarded in connection with certain rumors touching the political situation that have far more than ordinary foundation in fact.

General Shepley and staff reported at these headquarters last evening, returning from a twenty days' leave of absence.

General Gregg, of the cavalry, also had an interview with General Butler last evening.—*New York Herald.*

TO-DAY'S WASHINGTON NEWS.

Special Despatches to Evening Telegraph.

WASHINGTON, August 16.

Desertions from the Enemy.

Deserters are continually coming into our lines, while others avail themselves of all opportunities to clandestinely return to their homes.

Fort Powell Evacuated But Not Blown Up

From semi-official information received here, doubt is expressed in military circles as to the truth of the report that Fort Powell was blown up. It is asserted that it was evacuated and left intact.

New Fractional Currency on Hand.

The Treasurer has now on hand of new Fractional Currency $2,198,200-50.

A Change in Command.

General Ledlie, commanding the 1st Division, 9th Corps, has left his command. General Julius White succeeds him.

Six per Cent. Compound Interest Notes.

The whole amount of three-year six per cent. compound interest notes heretofore issued amounts to forty-four million three hundred and fifty-three thousand seven hundred and sixty dollars.

Military District Alteration.

That part of Kentucky west of the Cumberland river has been transferred to the Department of the Ohio. The State of Kentucky will constitute the Military District of that Department.

The Cash Balance.

The cash balance in the Treasury to-day is eleven million sixty-three thousand one hundred and two dollars and thirty-four cents.

FIFTH EDITION!

ON TO RICHMOND

THE GLORIOUS SECOND CORPS LEADS THE ADVANCE.

Within Two Miles of Fort Darling.

GENERALS GRANT AND MEADE PRESENT.

CAPTURE OF PRISONERS AND ARTILLERY.

BALTIMORE, August 16.—The *American* publishes the following:—

BERMUDA HUNDRED, August 14.—Yesterday the 13th inst., the 2d Corps (Hancock's) were going on board transports at City Point all day, apparently for Washington, and started down the river, the bands playing gayly.

Of course the Rebels were watching from the shore, and no doubt felt much interest in the movement. The transports did certainly go down the river for ten miles or more, when, however, they suddenly put about, and under cover of darkness returned, coming up by this point under full speed at 10 P. M., and proceeded up the river.

At the same time the 10th Corps, with the artillery of the 2d Corps, were crossing to the north side of the James river, and they were all landed up the river, within twelve miles of Richmond, before 3 o'clock this morning.

This force, with General Foster's, makes quite a respectable army. It is understood that their first move will be to destroy, if possible, the Rebel pontoon bridges above Fort Darling.

Thus far all works well. Musketry firing was heard in the direction of this movement this morning. If they succeed in cutting the pontoon bridges, Lee would be unable to cross his army to the north side of James river except by marching by way of Manchester, more than twenty miles.

FORTRESS MONROE, August 15.—The hospital steamer *Hero*, of New Jersey, Captain Hancock, arrived from Deep Bottom, on James river, this afternoon, with 100 men, who were wounded in the fight yesterday after landing on the north side.

They belong to the 10th Army Corps, and the following officers are amongst the number:—

Captain W. E. Mapes, 24th New York; Lieutenant Richard Pilkinton, 16th Pa.; Lieut. G. H. Brown, 10th Conn.; Capt. James McMunn, 100th N. Y.; Lieut. E. E. Fairchild, 9th U. S. (col'd) sun-stroke; Lieut. J. S. Mansur, 9th (col'd); Lieut P. M. David, 2d South Carolina, (Rebel prisoner); Major C. P. Baldwin, 11th Maine; Capt. Wm. Saline, 11th Maine; Corporal A. M. Pender, 11th Maine.

The *Hero* brought away all the wounded of the 18th Army Corps, up to 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Artillery and musketry firing has been kept up all day, and still continued when our informant left.

Our forces drove in the Rebel pickets early on Sunday morning, and during the day had succeeded in carrying two lines of the enemy's earthworks—the outer one being only about nine miles from Richmond.

The loss in the 2d Army Corps has so far been very small.

Generals Grant and Meade are commanding in person.

LATER.

The mail boat *Keyport* has arrived from City Point, and has on board one hundred Rebel prisoners, captured during the skirmishes of yesterday. Besides the earthworks captured by our forces yesterday, we also captured one battery that bore upon our men working on the canal, heretofore alluded to.

COMMODORE FARRAGUT.

Congratulatory Order of Secretary Welles for His Gallant Services at Mobile.

WASHINGTON, August 16.—The Secretary of the Navy has addressed the following to Admiral Farragut:—

NAVY DEPARTMENT, August 15, 1864.—SIR:—Your despatch of the 5th instant, stating that you had, on the morning of that day, entered Mobile Bay, passing between Forts Morgan and Gaines, and encountering and overcoming the Rebel fleet, I had the satisfaction to receive this day.

Some preliminary account of your operations had previously reached us through Rebel channels.

Again it is my pleasure and my duty to congratulate you and your brave associates on an achievement unequaled in our service by any other commander, and only surpassed by that unparalleled naval triumph of the squadron under your command in the spring of 1862, when, proceeding up the Mississippi, you passed Forts Jackson and St. Philip, and overcoming all obstacles, captured New Orleans and restored unobstructed navigation to the commercial emporium of the great central valley of the Union.

The bay of Mobile was not only fortified and guarded by forts and batteries on shore and by submerged obstructions, but the Rebels had also collected there a formidable fleet commanded by their highest naval officer, a former captain in the Union Navy, who, false to the Government and the Union, had deserted his country in the hour of peril, and leveled his guns against the flag which it was his duty to have defended.

The possession of Mobile Bay, which you have acquired, will close the illicit traffic which has been carried on by running the blockade in that part of the Gulf, and gives point and value to the success you have achieved. Great results in war are seldom obtained without great risks, and it was not expected that the possession of the harbor of Mobile would be secured without disaster.

The loss of the gallant Craven and his brave companions with the *Tecumseh*, a vessel that was invulnerable to the guns of Fort Morgan, by a concealed torpedo, was a casualty which no human foresight could provent.

While the nation awards cheerful honors to the living, she will ever hold in grateful remembrance the memory of the gallant and lamented dead, who perilled their lives for their country and died in her cause.

To you and the brave officers and sailors of your squadron who participated in this great achievement, the Department tenders its thanks and those of the Government and country.

Very respectfully, GIDEON WELLES, Secretary of the Navy.

Rear-Admiral DAVID G. FARRAGUT, Commanding West Gulf Blockading Squadron, Mobile Bay.

PENNSYLVANIA LEGISLATURE.

HARRISBURG, August 16.

SENATE.—Mr. Champneys moved to reconsider the vote upon the bill allowing Associations for the purpose of banking under the United States law. Agreed to.

The bill was reconsidered and amended so as to meet the views of the Governor, but requiring such banks, before making the change, to surrender the specie certificates which they received from the State in 1852, and imposing on those which do not furnish gold to meet their loans, a tax upon their surplus profits.

Mr. Kinsey introduced an act, being a supplement to the act for the sale of the State Canals, approved April 28, 1858, authorizing an increase of taxes.

A supplement to the General Bounty Law, not applicable to Philadelphia, was introduced by Mr. Reilly.

Mr. Bucher an act relating to protests, notes, and bills of exchange.

Messrs. Kinsey, Stein, Worthington, and Fleming presented petitions relative to the bounty laws in local districts.

The Senate then adjourned until the afternoon.

HOUSE.—The House met at 10 A. M.

A bill organizing fifteen regiments, to be called State Guard, was considered in Committee of the Whole. The section providing for the appointment of State officers to make enrolment at once was taken up.

Mr. Pershing moved to amend, by proceeding from the Secretary of War, the national enrolment instead of making new one by State officers. It was contended that there was no reason to believe that the Washington authorities would grant the request, but was finally amended so as to procure a national enrolment if possible, and if not, then to substitute a new classification and enrolment by officials of Pennsylvania.

The following amendment was adopted, And the Companies shall have the right of electing their own officers, and the officers of the companies shall elect the regimental officers, and the Major-General, and Brigadier-Generals, and all regimental company officers, shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

STATE OF THERMOMETER TO DAY.—SIX A. M. 76 Noon, 86½. One P. M., 87. Wind, S. E. by S.

RECRUITING FOR THE NAVY—SOMETHING TO BE LOOKED AFTER.—One of the sharpest practices we have heard of for some time, and one which is against the very best interest of the Government, is now being perpetrated in this city by naval recruiting officers. Yesterday five young men presented themselves at head quarters and desired to enter the navy. The father of one of the young men accompanied them for the purpose of seeing justice done.

When they applied they were informed by one of the officials in charge that they would have to place themselves in the hands of a broker, as all business was done through that class of individuals. At the same time a broker who was waiting in the office was pointed out to them. He informed the young men that if they desired to enter the service he would give them each a certain sum, just about one half what they were entitled to and which the Government allows.

Of course they refused to submit to a shave of this kind, and left after having in vain endeavored to deal directly with those whom the Government pays to attend to this duty. This singular proceeding was reported to the Chief of Police, and will at once be brought to the attention of the Navy Department. Why any official should act in this manner the reader must surmise.

It was also brought to the attention of the District Attorney a few days since that it is impossible to have a man sworn into the navy and credited to Philadelphia, as some of those having charge of naval enlistments seem very much interested in Jersey. These are matters that affect the interest of our city, and it is to be hoped that the measures taken towards putting a stop to such proceedings will prove effective.

NEW MILITARY ORGANIZATIONS.—Under the law giving the Governor of Pennsylvania power to organize ten new regiments as part of the quota of the State, power was also granted to him to muster in conditionally officers to recruit for the new regiments, with the rank of second lieutenant and recruiting officer. These lieutenants, several of whom have been appointed for this city, have power to enlist and administer the oath, which holds the recruit to service. After being enlisted and sworn into the service, and passing the surgeon's examination, the recruits are clothed and sent to camp.

But, heretofore, the recruits could not be mustered into the United States service until the company had the minimum number of men (80)—therefore could not be credited for local bounty, which was a great obstacle in getting recruits for the new companies. By a recent order from the War Department this difficulty is now obviated, by which the recruits for new organizations can be mustered in singly or by squads as soon as they are enlisted and passed surgeon's examination. If men prefer new organizations to old ones, there is now nothing to prevent them from joining the same—they will be enlisted and mustered by the lieutenants appointed for that purpose, in the same manner that other recruiting officers enlist men for the old regiments in the field. Of the ten new organizations, three are being raised in this city.

SHOOTING AFFAIR.—Between 11 and 12 o'clock last night, a man by the name of Andrew Arthur, about 26 years of age, was shot in the neighborhood of Fifth and Shippen streets. It seems he had been with a party of rough characters in a tavern corner of Fifth and Bedford streets, where some difficulty arose, and after coming out of the tavern he was shot, supposed by one Frank Dillon, a character well known to the Police. Up to 1 o'clock this afternoon the offender had not been arrested. The injured man is said to be in a very critical condition, the ball having taken effect in his stomach.

FAST DRIVING.—Fast driving is more strictly prohibited at Fairmount Park than it is in our public highways. Notwithstanding this fact, however, the Park Police have occasion now and then to overhaul certain parties who have not the fear of the law before them. Yesterday, John Sherrer and John Schuterman made their appearance in the Park, and drove rapidly around the grounds. A child narrowly escaped serious injury, the horse passing over the little one without touching her. The two men were arrested and held to answer by Alderman Hutchinson.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—This morning James McColgan was before Alderman Pinnkington, charged with highway robbery. It seems that between 8 and 9 o'clock last night he stopped a lad about fourteen years of age at Eighth and Vine streets and inquired of him the time. The latter pulled out his watch, when McColgan snatched it and ran off. He was pursued and captured and locked up all night. This morning he was sent to prison to await his trial.

BIRNEY'S SHARPSHOOTERS.—This morning recruiting stations were opened for the five companies of Birney's Sharpshooters to be raised in this city. Five captains will take charge of the recruiting in different parts of the city, while Colonel Moore will have his general headquarters at No. 533 Chesnut street. Every exertion will be made to fill these five companies before the 5th of September.

ASSAULT AND BATTERY.—This morning Thomas Duffy was before Alderman Hunter, charged with assaulting the Sergeant of the Nineteenth Ward Police. It seems that a free fight occurred, when the sergeant interfered and attempted to arrest the ringleaders. Duffy, who was one of the worst of the gang, struck the officer and was consequently taken into custody and committed for trial.

STABBING AFFAIR.—Michael Sullivan was arrested yesterday upon the charge of having stabbed another man on Sunday last, at Eighteenth and Pennsylvania avenue. The two men got into a squabble, when Sullivan cut his opponent. He was held to bail by Alderman Pancoast.

RECRUITING.—This morning the city bounty was paid to 37 men, 29 of whom received $250, and 11 $400.

WE HAVE BY FAR the largest stock and best assortment of Clothing in Philadelphia, comprising all desirable styles of goods, from medium price to superfine. Every one can be accurately fitted at once from our stock, whatever be his size or proportions, in garments equal in all respects to work made to measure, at much lower prices. For those who prefer, we have also a complete assortment of piece goods, which will be made up to measure in a style surpassed by none. BENNETT & CO.,

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE.

OFFICE OF THE EVENING TELEGRAPH, Tuesday, August 16.

The Money Market continues easy, but the demand is limited; loans are plenty on call, at 6@6 per cent. per annum; best paper is selling at 7@8 per cent.

The subscriptions to the new 7-30 loan, as reported to the Treasury Department for the last three days, amount to $3,019,000, including $1,228,500 yesterday.

According to the ruling of the Internal Revenue Bureau, real estate agents who have taken out a license as commercial brokers under the old law are not subject to reassessment under the new law.

There is more activity in the Stock Market this morning than we have noticed for some time past, and prices are better.

Government securities are in demand, with sales of 5-20s, at 109¼@109¾, which is an advance, and 6s of 1881, at 108½, which is also better.

In Railroad shares there is more doing at the advance, with sales of Reading, at 68¾@68¾; Pennsylvania, at 74; North Pennsylvania at 30½@30¾; Philadelphia and Erie, 36; Catawissa preferred, 41; common, 20½; and Mine Hill, 62½.

Canal shares are firmer, with sales of Schuylkill Navigation at 41½ for preferred, and 31 for common.

There is a good demand for Coal Oil shares, and prices have again advanced, with large sales this morning at 7¾ for M Ilhenny; 11 for Dinsmore, 5¾ for Perry; 5¾ for McClintock; and 3 for Minerat Oil.

Bank shares continue firm; 156 was bid for North America; 133 for Philadelphia; 60 for Farmers' and Mechanics'; 56½ for Commercial; and 80 for Girard.

In City Passenger Railroads there is very little doing, and the rates are without any material change.

In Gold there is very little doing, and the market continues dull, opening at 2.57, fell off and sold at 2.56½ at 11 o'clock, 2.56 at 12, and 2.55¾ at half-past 12.

PHILADELPHIA STOCK EXCHANGE SALES, AUG. 16.

Reported by Clarkson & Co., Brokers, No. 51 S. Third St.

BOARDS.

$4000 U. S. 5-20s, 03.....109½
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To Advertisers.

Owing to the great increase in the Circulation of The Evening Telegraph, compelling us to go to press at an early hour, we urgently request that advertisements may be handed in as soon as 10 o'clock. If possible, to secure them a insertion in all of our editions.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16, 1864.

THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.

There is evidently a great and growing solicitude among the people as to the result of the coming Presidential election. Two candidates are already in the field, and it is yet uncertain how many more may be nominated before the canvass is closed. Public curiosity is most exercised just now, however, with reference to the action of the Democratic Convention to meet shortly at Chicago. Everybody is asking who will be its nominee for the succession, and nobody is able to answer the question. The plain truth is that the leaders of the Democracy have not, up to this time, indicated so decided a preference for any one person as to afford any sufficient ground for even a guess as to the choice that will be ultimately made.

It may happen—and indeed it is not at all improbable—that none of the several prominent gentlemen thus far spoken of will be selected. If we judge from what we see and hear, the opposition to the present Administration are sadly at a loss for a man of such commanding and overshadowing merit as to unite on him at once, and decisively, any respectable portion of the party, much less a majority. There are many available candidates spoken of. There are Messrs. Guthrie, Seymour, Pierce, Fillmore, McClellan, Vallandigham, Pendleton, Voorhees, Woodward, Black, Reed, and others.

But it is a remarkable fact that, while the day for the assembling of the Chicago Convention is rapidly drawing near, the sentiment of the Democracy seems to be as unsettled and divided, respecting the ticket to be agreed upon, as it was six or twelve months ago. Nor is this perplexity likely to be diminished as the time for the decision to be made approaches. The crowd of equally meritorious, yet inferior and ordinary, men is so great, nowhere is not one that clearly overtops all in character and ability, that the Chicago Convention is likely to be seriously, if not fatally, distracted and embarrassed by the conflicting pretensions of rival mediocrities.

But this want of a decidedly and universally acceptable candidate for the nomination is not the only, nor the greatest, difficulty to be encountered by the opposition. They promise to be much more seriously divided by differences of political opinion as regards the question of peace or war. On these subjects they appear to be hopelessly disagreed and irresolute. The peace men "at any price and on any terms" are obviously afraid to avow their true sentiments. On the other hand, the men who are for the war, provided it is prosecuted constitutionally, seem afraid to plant themselves distinctly and conclusively on that platform.

It is only a few days ago that the former held a caucus in New York to compare views. We know that the meeting was not at all harmonious. One member, ex-Senator Bayard, of Delaware, is reported to have left the conclave in disgust, and the rest finally dispersed without coming to any satisfactory understanding. These elements of discord are not apt to be reconciled by time. Indeed, they will, most probably, be intensified and confirmed by every effort to compose and assimilate them. They will rage, we doubt not, with fierce violence at Chicago in the grand parliament which the Democrats are to hold there for settling their political creed and selecting the men who are to be the chosen exemplars and champions of it. And when the contest once begins between the antagonistic factions—the war and peace men—it will wax warmer and warmer as the discussion progresses, until at last the assemblage will break up in a grand row, resulting eventually, perhaps, in two tickets and two platforms, after the manner of the Charleston Convention, and the defeat of both. Such a catastrophe is not at all improbable, in view of the bitter spirit of discord that divides the Democracy with regard to the present state of the country and the policy that should be pursued in respect to it; and all true patriots will devoutly pray that the power of its enemies to injure or destroy the nation may yet be defeated by their divided counsels.

EMPLOYMENT FOR WOMEN.

It was stated recently that it was proposed in Chicago to employ women as conductors on the street railways in that city, and that the directors of all the companies were in favor of the proposition. We notice this only as an indication of a growing public sentiment in behalf of a most interesting and suffering class of our population.

Wherever the labor of females can be substituted for that of males, it should invariably be preferred; and we believe that, were the policy once fairly put in practice and carried out to the furthest limits of which the capacity of the sex would admit, it would prove to be the most benevolent, and perhaps important, reform that it is possible to introduce into the industrial economy of every civilized State. And why should it not be done? We provide asylums for the deaf and dumb, for the lame and blind; we erect schools of reform for the abandoned and depraved; we cover the land with homes for paupers and vagrants, and boast perpetually of the vast sum of charitable effort we are making to ameliorate the lot of the wretched and unfortunate of every class.

But while self-complacent philanthropy is doing all this really valuable good, does it not unthinkingly close upon the orphan girl and the helpless widow access to that happy and proud independence which willing hands would win in many a sphere of industry from which the prejudice of habit and the scruples of a false delicacy exclude them?

There is a great sin at our doors in this dreadful shutting out of self-dependent women from the occupations for which they are no less fit, if not better qualified, than men. Providence is not unmindful of the injustice, and is already, by indirect and slow, but eventually effectual interposition, working out a reformation. Much suspicious progress in the change is even now evident among us.

Women are gradually gaining admission into kinds of employment from which they have been rigorously kept out; and the better taste and skill, the superior steadiness and diligence they are bringing to tasks in which they have supplanted male labor, are fast opening to them other and higher departments of industry.

The result will not be important to them alone—it will afford a yet greater advantage to society, in redeeming to profitable use an immense amount of mechanical and inventive faculty not hitherto brought into operation, and in so harmonizing the supply and demand of labor and skill in every industrial community, as effectually to put an end to all violent insurrections designed to force wages up to an unjust standard.

DESCRIPTION OF THE "TECUMSEH."

The *Tecumseh* was one of Mr. Ericsson's improved monitor batteries, and was built by Secor & Co., under the superintendence of Geo. Birkbeck, at Jersey City. She was launched on the 12th of September, 1863, at eight o'clock A. M. She was christened by Mrs. Kate Gregory, daughter-in-law of Admiral Gregory, United States Navy. She made her final trial trip on the 28th March, 1864, and was put in commission at the Brooklyn Navy Yard on the 25th of April, 1864, and arrived at Hampton roads on the 28th of that month. After a few weeks' stay in the James river, with Acting Rear Admiral Lee, she was sent to Mobile for Admiral Farragut. Her career has been brief, and her finale horrible. Heaven save us from any more monitor disasters!

The *Tecumseh* was of the following dimensions:—Extreme length over armor, 235 feet; length of hull proper, 190 feet; extreme beam over armor, 46 feet; beam of hull proper, 37 feet; depth of hold, 13 feet; armament, two 15-inch guns.

The following was the list of officers of the iron-clad *Tecumseh*:—

Commander—T. A. M. Craven.
Lieutenant—J. W. Scully.
Acting Assistant Surgeon—Henry A. Danker.
Acting Assistant Paymaster—George Work.
Acting Master—Charles F. Leopler.
Ensigns—F. H. de Entamanville, G. Cottrell.
Engineers—Chief, John Warren; First Assistants, Chas. Pennington, W. L. Pensel; Third Assistants, F. Scott, W. D. Fay.
Clerk to Captain—Isaiah Conley.

Sketch of Commander T. A. M. Craven, U. S. N., late Commander of the "Tecumseh."

Tunis Augustus Macdonough Craven entered the naval service of the United States as a midshipman on the 2d of February, 1829. He was born in New Hampshire, and was appointed from New York State, of which he was a citizen. In 1830 he was ordered to the sloop-of-war *Boston*, attached to the Mediterranean squadron. He remained in her until 1833, when he was granted a leave of absence for a few months. In 1834 he joined the sloop-of-war *St. Louis*, under Master Commandant Thomas M. Newell, on the West India station. He returned from her during the close of that year.

On the 3d of July, 1835, he was warranted as a passed midshipman, and waited orders until 1836, when he was ordered to duty in connection with the survey of our coast. His aptitude for this kind of work induced the Navy Department to keep him in this service until 1842. At an extra session of Congress in 1841, he was promoted to be a Lieutenant, his commission bearing date September 8, 1841. His first orders after being a Lieutenant was to the sloop-of-war *Falmouth*, of the Home Squadron.

He was attached to this vessel until 1843, when he was ordered to the receiving ship *North Carolina*, at New York. He remained there but a short time, when he was ordered to the storeship *Lexington*. He was relieved from her in January, 1844, and granted a furlough.

In 1847 he was ordered to the sloop-of-war *Dale*, Commander W. W. McKean, of the Pacific squadron. He made a full cruise in her and left her in August, 1849, and waited orders, until ordered to the Coast Survey in 1850 and 1851, where he remained until 1853, when he was ordered to the command of the Atrato Expedition, whose duty it was to explore and verify the surveys previously made of a ship canal near the Isthmus of Darien, to connect the waters of the Pacific and Atlantic, by the Atrato and Turando rivers.

In 1859 we find him again attached to the Coast Survey in the steamer *Corwin*. He left the Coast Survey in June, 1859, and was ordered to command the steamer *Mohawk*, of the Home Squadron, under Flag Officer W. J. McCluny, his station being off the coast of Cuba to intercept slave-traders. When the Rebellion broke out he was in command of her, but shortly afterwards he was placed in command of the *Crusader*. His services were of such value in these vessels that the Board of Underwriters of this city presented his wife with a service of plate, and forwarded to him the following complimentary letter:—

Office of the Board of Underwriters, New York, October 19, 1861.—Dear Sir:—The Board of Underwriters of the city of New York have observed that, while in command of the United States steamers *Mohawk* and *Crusader*, you have always evinced a desire to render such assistance to the commerce of our country as could properly be rendered in the performance of your duty, and that on several occasions you have rendered important services to American vessels in distress in the vicinity of Key West, Florida. Appreciating these services, the Board, by a resolution, have requested me to convey to you their acknowledgment and thanks; and in doing so, permit me to add that you have their best wishes for success and advancement in your profession, and in the service of your country, at this trying hour, and that they will continue to feel a deep interest in your welfare.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,
T. B. WATERHOUSE, President.
Captain T. Augustus Craven, United States Navy.

Commander Craven received his present commission April 21, 1861, and in September, 1861, he left the *Crusader* and took command of the new screw sloop *Tuscarora*, which was despatched across the Atlantic to cruise for Rebel pirates. He returned in July, 1863, after performing much valuable service for the Union abroad. Early this year he was ordered to the command of the Ericsson battery *Tecumseh*, and sailed on her for Hampton Roads to join Acting Rear-Admiral Lee's James river flotilla. He was among the first to reach City Point; and, after a somewhat lengthened stay in the James river, he was ordered to join Admiral Farragut, and in the passage of the Mobile forts his vessel was blown up by a torpedo, and he perished in a most horrible manner, no doubt having been drowned in the pilot-house.

He was an officer of rare merit, and a great favorite. Socially, he was genial and affable, and won friends in all classes. No one knew him but to love him. He was full of inventive genius, and was apt and quick in anything he undertook. He was opposed to the Monitor system in all its details, yet he would not request any other command, feeling, as he did, that they were unsafe under almost any circumstance. Commander Craven will be a great loss to our navy, and one not easily repaired. He leaves a very interesting family behind him to mourn his loss. Wherever he was known his loss will be felt. He stood number three on the list of commanders, and has served his country faithfully for over thirty-six years; nearly twenty years of this time has been at sea. He was just in the prime of life, and full of bright promise. He has fallen a victim to the Monitor interest. Peace to his ashes.

REBEL CORRESPONDENCE.

We have received from Mr. Jas. H. Marshall, of the 79th P. V. V., a couple of private notes of recent date, that were intended to pass between Rebel officers, but found their way instead into the hands of the Yankees. Both were written as if hurriedly, and in pencil. The shorter and more valuable of the two was written by Major-General Wheeler, and addressed to no less important an individual than Major-General Hood. The scout in whose possession they were fell, we suppose, into the hands of the Yankees—at all events, the notes "miscarried." That addressed to General Hood runs as follows:—

"Headquarters Cavalry Corps, 11:50 A. M., July 19, 1864.—General:—We are using every exertion to find out about the enemy on our front, and I have urged upon the commanders on our right the importance of their finding out the facts in regard to the enemy upon their front. I am having my best scouts rested to go into the enemy's rear to-night.

"Respectfully, General, your obedient servant,
"J. W. Wheeler, Major-General.
"To General J. B. Hood, Commanding Army of Tennessee."

On the back of this note is a postscript signed as above:—

"This courier will remain at your headquarters, which will make two couriers at your command who know where my headquarters are."

We give below some extracts from the other, which may be of some interest to our readers, as showing how an intelligent Rebel officer viewed "the situation" on the 18th ult.:—

"Engineer Corps, Army of Tennessee, July 18, 1864.—Major R. G. Ricks.—My Dear Sir:—I think we are about to have heavy work on this side of the river. The enemy are on this side, northeast of Atlanta, in heavy force, and movements are now on foot to meet them. I think it very probable a battle will take place near Atlanta in the course of the week.

"General Johnston was relieved of the command of this army, and Lieutenant-General Hood is now commanding. The army generally regret the loss of General Johnston. They are more attached to him than to any one else, and would not exchange him for Lee. It is a pity that a change should take place at this particular time. Some think Beauregard will be sent here in Johnston's place.

"General Bragg was here a few days ago. He was astonished to find the army in such good condition, and possessing so much confidence in their late leader.

"My solution of our present situation is that we will fight, and if after several trials we find the enemy too hard for us, we will fall back slowly to Macon, as we have done from Dalton. All the stores have been moved to Macon.

"Yours, truly, W. H. Ferguson."

From this it appears that Bragg, the *Bragg*-art, expected to find their army much demoralized by the chronic policy of falling back which has characterized Johnston's campaigns. We hardly think Mr. Bragg would congratulate himself at the present date, upon the "good condition" of the Rebel army around Atlanta, when we consider that within the past three weeks thirty thousand men of Hood's command have been placed *hors de combat*. They have had the "several trials" which were expected by this Rebel officer, and finding the enemy "too hard for them," they will now "fall back slowly to Macon"—*if they can.—Lancaster Express.*

FOREIGN JOTTINGS.

—A cavern has been discovered at Brixham, Devon, containing stalactites of great variety and beauty. It is to be scientifically explored and described.

—The value of a dollar, as known in the legal language of Canada, is one-fourth of the pound currency, held to be equivalent to and to represent one hundred and one grains and three hundred and twenty-one thousands of a grain Troy weight, as the standard of fineness prescribed by law for the gold coins of the United Kingdom.

—Garibaldi is encountering another storm of popularity. The love and admiration of republican heroes are not yet dead in Europe. He is overwhelmed with personal attentions, and enriched by the offerings of his friends. The poor and naked and ragged walk past the General's corridor. He shakes hands with all. Women torment him by kissing his face. Strangers force their hands and their company on him, and sit staring at him. He endures all with a patience truly wonderful.

—The price charged in London for water, and particularly for "high services," would keep a moderate kingdom going; and the eight gas companies sell gas of fifteen-candle power, which pours out sulphuretted hydrogen in visible volumes and blackens silver in two days, at 4s. 6d. the thousand feet, while in Plymouth pure white gas, of thirty-candle power, is sold at 2s. 9d. There is no reason in the world, says the London *Spectator*, why English cities and towns should not enjoy the benefit of gas and water supplies as in those of America.

—Some English critics, taking their cue from the mendacious and licentious novel of "Marion," have abused New York and New York society. Here is a picture of London, drawn by one of its best journals:—

"We do not know in the whole world beings so deserving of pity for all the external associations of their lives as the million and a half of Englishmen who live east of Moorgate street, amid sights and stenches which no Oriental city could surpass, and which even an Oriental climate could not redeem. There is no such unbroken squalor in the world as that amidst which the well-paid artisans of the most prosperous city in the world are condemned to pass their lives."

—Railway accommodations are lessening in Europe, while here they are increasing. It seems that, either from want of agreement or want of consideration, there is only one fast through-train a day between Paris and Vienna, while in former years there were two trains. Four years ago, when there was no bridge across the Rhine, and passengers had to go by omnibus from Strasburg to Kehl, the time between Paris and Munich was less than it is at present. The rule which is thus inaugurated on the great railroads is observed faithfully on the minor branch lines, and, though the railway map of Germany is filling up rapidly, and the blank spaces are less than before, the scantiness of accommodation, instead of diminishing, seems to increase.

—D'Israeli, if he cannot succeed in ousting Lord Palmerston, can always raise a laugh. The following is a specimen of his style, taken from one of his latest speeches in the House:—

"We know that in private life there is always some person, male or female, who is regarded as a superior person. They decide on everything, they lecture everybody; all acknowledge their transcendent virtue, and every one gets out of their way. (A laugh.) The right honorable member for Stroud is the 'superior person' of the House of Commons. (Cheers and laughter.) I am quite surprised that the honorable gentleman, the member for Sheffield (Mr. Roebuck), who has been sitting opposite the right honorable member with the immense lantern which he always uses to find an honest man, has not the ingenuousness to acknowledge that he has at last found the object of his search." (Cheers and laughter.)

—English law is not above the smallest claims on its justice, and is often very comically administered. Here is a late case in the Shoreditch County Court. An action was brought to recover £2, the value of a tabby cat which had been killed by defendant, who pleaded a justification. It appeared that plaintiff and defendant are both 'bus-conductors on the Kingsland road, and live as lodgers in a house in the Ball-pond road. The plaintiff had a beautiful tabby cat, which he very much valued, and the defendant had a very nice canary upon which he set even more store. One night, the unfortunate cat got into defendant's room, and by the morning all that remained of the poor bird was a few feathers. When defendant went into his room he saw the cat under a chair, and, to use his own word—"Not knowing what to do, he tied a rope round her neck, and drew her up tight between the door and the post, she dying easily." After the most animated discussion by the learned counsel on both sides, embracing the serious points of negligence, what are domestic animals, justification, right of retaliation, and various other important questions, his honor said that plaintiff was entitled to recover damages for the cat, and defendant was also entitled to be paid for the bird. If the parties could not agree the case could be set down for a cross action. Adjourned accordingly.

How Columbus Looked.—The personal appearance of Columbus was not a bad index of his character. His general air expressed the authority which he knew so well how to exercise. His light grey eyes kindled easily at subjects of interest. He was tall and well formed. His complexion was fair and freckled, and inclined to ruddy. Trouble soon turned his light hair grey, and at thirty years of age it was quite white. Moderate in food and simple in dress, temperate in language, bearing himself with courteous and gentle gravity, religious without being a formalist, repressing his irritable temper with a lofty piety, he was the model of a Christian gentleman. The devout reference of his successes to the Divine favor, with which he concludes the report of his first voyage to the sovereigns of Castile, is highly characteristic of the man.—*Dickens' Once a Week.*

Married.

FERRIS—SIPLER.—On the 11th inst. at the residence of the bride's father, by Rev. S. W. Crittenden, Mr. DWIGHT FERRIS, of Cuba N. Y., to Miss REBECCA L. SIPLER, daughter of Philip Sipler, Esq., of Darby, Pa.

SMITH—McGUNIGLE.—On the 10th inst., by Rev. S. W. CRITTENDEN, at his residence, EDWARD K. SMITH, of Chesterfown, Mass., to Miss ANNIE McGUNIGLE, of Philadelphia.

WRIGHT—HENDLEY.—On the 15th inst., by Rev. Charles E. Murray, assistant minister of the Church of the Epiphany, JAMES T. WRIGHT, of New York city, to ELIZA M., only daughter of the late Roger Hendley, of St. Thomas, Canada West. New York papers please copy.

Died.

FRANCIS.—On Saturday, August 13th, ANN, wife of L. C. Francis, in the 71st year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family, also, the members of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Third street, below Walnut, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence, No. 724 Sansom street, on Wednesday morning, at 8 o'clock.

GORDON.—On Sunday, 14th inst., Mrs. HANNAH, relict of Dr. John H. Gordon, aged 77 years.

Her relatives and the friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from her late residence, No. 1816 Delancy place, on Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock.

GRUB.—Entered into rest, on the 12th instant, at Spring Hill Fort, Virginia, Lieutenant PARKER GRUBB, of the 37th New Jersey Volunteers.

"He is not dead, but sleepeth."

His funeral will take place from his father's residence, in Burlington, N. J., on Wednesday, the 17th instant, at 4 o'clock, P. M.

HILL.—On Monday, the 15th inst., ELEANORA SARAH, daughter of Thomas Pinnimore Hill, Esq., of Exeter, England.

The funeral service will take place at Emmanuel Church, New Castle, Delaware, on Thursday afternoon, at 5 o'clock.

HYER.—On the 14th instant, Mrs. SARAH HYER, aged 86 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of her son, Alexander C. Hyer, corner of Harrison and Cherry streets, Frankford, on Wednesday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, without further notice.

IRELAND.—On Sunday, the 14th instant, WILLIAM IRELAND, in the 65th year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, No. 1324 Vine street, on Wednesday, the 17th instant, at 10 o'clock, A. M.

McMANUS.—On Friday, the 12th instant, at Christ Church Hospital, Miss JANE McMANUS, in the 76th year of her age.

PARSON.—On the 15th inst., of consumption, Lieut. JOSEPH PARSON, of the One-hundred-and-eighth Regiment P. V. V., son of the late Edward and L. A. Parson, in the 27th year of his age.

His relatives and friends, and those of the family, and the members of his company, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from his mother's residence, No. 718 Wallace street, on Wednesday, 17th inst., at 4 o'clock P. M., without further notice.

SHEPHERD.—On the 14th inst., Miss MARIA SHEPHERD, daughter of Catharine and the late John Shepherd, in the 56th year of her age.

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Leading Editorials from the New York Papers This Morning.

FARRAGUT'S VICTORY.

From the Tribune.

Admiral Farragut's splendid achievement at Mobile, together with the New Orleans narratives, clear up some points which the Rebel despatches left doubtful. Not this war, nor any other, affords a parallel to the action of the 5th of August, nor has any other naval engagement done so much to unse the still further the question for the last three years at issue, touching wooden and iron-clads vessels of war.

Farragut's fleet consisted of four monitors and fourteen wooden vessels. The remarkable phases of the action are:—

I. He engaged Fort Morgan in broad daylight. There was no effort to run by under cover of darkness.

The Admiral formed his line of battle at sunrise, four monitors leading, wooden ships coupled closely following.

II. The wooden ships silenced the fort. It does not appear that the fire from the monitors had any considerable effect. Their eight guns, capable of being discharged about once in fifteen minutes, could do nothing against the tremendous armament of Fort Morgan—stated at one hundred and forty heavy guns. But Admiral Farragut took his ships of wood close in under Fort Morgan, and with broadsides of grape and canister drove the Rebels from their guns—and such heroism as it required to put them in force, are beyond praise.

It is idle to talk of armor-plating; more than idle to eulogize lumbering two-gun monitors, when the broadsides of wooden ships are made, by the genius and courage of one man to do such work as this.

The wooden ships defeated and sunk the Rebel iron-clad fleet. Rebel papers excuse their defeat by the overpowering strength of Admiral Farragut's force. That will do for after the fight. Before it the ram *Tennessee* and her consorts—all armor-plated—were heralded as invincible.

It is all enough they were an overmatch for the four monitors—or three, if you please—the *Tecumseh* having been sunk by a torpedo before getting into the fight. Nothing could be more gallant than the way the monitors were taken into action, nor do any officers deserve more credit than theirs. But the *Tennessee* was beaten by the assault of the *Lackawanna*, the *Monongahela* and the *Hartford*—the shock and the broadside of the latter, Farragut's own ship, finally bringing down her flag.

The helpless clumsiness of the monitors was unhappily illustrated in the collision between the *Hartford* and the *Metacomet*—the latter running almost at full speed into the *Hartford*, spite of all efforts to prevent it; and the Admiral had the mortification of seeing his flag-ship, almost unhurt by the Rebel fire, reduced to a wreck by the unmanageability of one of Mr. Ericsson's machines.

We shall get later news in a day or two. The arrival yesterday brought nothing so late as had come before through Rebel channels. There is no exact information as to the position of the co-operating land forces. They are said to have invested and caused the surrender of Fort Gaines on Dauphine Island; but, while there is no doubt of the taking of the fort, it is a little uncertain how much the army had to do with the capture. Rebel accounts said the surrender was to the naval force.

GOOD ADVICE FOR THOSE WHO NEED IT.

From the Times.

We publish elsewhere a letter from Gerrit Smith on the Presidential election, elicited by the malignant manifesto of Messrs. Wade and Davis. It is an independent, manly, and sensible document, and deserves the special attention of that not inconsiderable class of patriots who think that because Mr. Lincoln does not come up to *their* Presidential standard in every particular, they must, therefore, resist his re-election even at the risk of electing a Copperhead and securing a recognition, more or less direct, of the Rebel Confederacy.

Mr. Smith deals with the sophistries which delude these men after a very summary and conclusive fashion. He finds a great deal of fault with Mr. Lincoln himself. He censures a great many things he has done, and complains of a great many things he has not done. He acknowledges the right of every one to form his own estimate of the President's conduct, and to express that estimate, provided it be so done as not to injure the country.

But he insists on the duty of every man so to vote in the coming election, as to elect the man most thoroughly and distinctly and reliably committed against any thing like a sham or deceptive peace. "It may turn out," says Mr. Smith,

> "that Mr. Lincoln is the man for whom it will be vital to the national existence to cast the largest possible vote. Personally, it may not be more worthy of it than any President or Cabinet since or before his time. On this point I am not sure. But if as the election draws near, it shall be seen that he will probably get a larger vote than any other candidate of the uncompromising opponents of the Rebellion, then it will be the absolute duty of every one of them to vote for him. The election of a man who would consent to anything short of the unconditional surrender of those who, without even the slightest cause of complaint, have made war upon us, would not only cost us the life of the nation, but it would cost us those blessings of that sacred cause of nationality, which they of one nation owe it to themselves and every other nation, there or here, to cherish and maintain. But no such consequence, not any other ill consequence, would there be, could a loyal man of whatever faults be elected a man who, because he is loyal, would in no event fail to insist on the absolute submission of those who had causelessly rebelled against their country. Hence, though it may be of the aspects of parties by any favorite candidates, we could nevertheless all feel ourselves urged by the strongest possible motives to cast our votes just where they will be likely to contribute most to defeat the compromising of a sham peace and disunion."

This is a practical and sensible view of the question. It is the view which, when the issue is fairly made and all the candidates are in the field, every voter will vote from love of country and of right. But we fear that the popular leader of the young Republican host is the most vigorous and effective canvass since that of 1800. He was "lost" to his devoted army in 1861, when unwisely superseded, after long and toilsome marches, which had nearly cleared Missouri of armed Rebels, and when on the very brink of still more brilliant achievements. It were better we think, that he should not be "lost" now.

General Fremont has been accustomed all his life to a certain freedom of movement, regardless of consequences, which is not quite consistent with vigorous party discipline. "We have thrown away our packs and shall move on," was his characteristic reply to the savage chief who saw fit to arrest his winter advance through icy mountain gorges, when on his first exploring expedition.

He has never lacked the daring to risk everything in what he esteemed a good cause. Differing from him in opinion with regard to the course to be pursued by patriots in the present crisis, we find in that difference no reason for assailing him, not wishing to convert difference into hostility.

We trust that all earnest adversaries of the Rebel slave-power may be brought to act together in the approaching Presidential canvass, at least so far as to vote in each State a common electoral ticket. And at all events, should this hope be blasted, we shall have done our utmost to avert the catastrophe.

MUSICAL JOTTINGS.

—Schira, the Italian composer, living in London, is at work on his new opera, *Leah*.

—A London critic calls Grisi the Queen Dowager, Adelina Patti the Queen Regnant, and Mario the King of the Realm of Song.

—Carlotta Patti is to be the vocal star at Alfred Mellon's coming promenade concerts at the Royal Italian opera, London.

—Burgmuller, the composer, who died at Dusseldorf, has lately had a monument erected to his memory. He is known in this country chiefly from his piano-forte arrangements.

—Arabella Goddard is engaged for the next Birmingham festival, where she is to play Mendelssohn's second concerto (in D), which has never been heard there since the composer played it himself in 1840.

—On the 21st of August will be inaugurated at Pesaro the statue of Rossini. At the theatre will be given ten representations of *William Tell*. Mercadante has composed for the occasion a hymn for four hundred voices, which will be sung while the statue is uncovering.

—The opera-house at Weimar was closed last month with *Robert le Diable*, and will reopen next September with Goethe's *Egmont*. The operas recently given have been *Wm. Tell*, *Rienzi* (twice) *Der Freischutz*, *Der Fliegende Hollander*, *Lohengrin*, *Die Kindische Saatnire*, *La Juive*, *Martha*, and *Il Trovatore*.

—The General Musical Association of Germany will hold a musical festival at Cologne the present month. It will last four days, and comprise four concerts, the principal direction of which has been undertaken by Hans von Bulow. It is probable that Liszt and Richard Wagner will be present.

—F. W. Jahns, music director to the King of Prussia, is about to edit a "Chronological List, with Explanations of the Entire Works of Carl Maria Von Weber," and appeals to all the admirers of the composer who may possess manuscripts or autographs of Weber, to aid him by entrusting him for a short time with the same.

—The London English Opera Company will begin its season in October next with Benedict's *Lily of Killarney*, with Madame Lemmens Sherrington as the heroine, Mr. Santley as "Danny Mann," and an American tenor as "Miles-na-Coppaleen." The first new opera is to be *Helvelyn*, music by Macfarren, composer of *Robin Hood*.

—Gounod has written from Saint Cloud a letter to Arditi, thanking him for his zealous and intelligent superintendence of the production of *Mireilla* at Her Majesty's Theatre, London. He also sends his special acknowledgment to the artists who introduced the work to an English public—to wit, Tiefiens, Trebelli, Reboux, Velpini, Giuglini, Santley, Junca, and Gassier.

—Tietiens has received a present from the fashionable subscribers to her Majesty's Theatre, including dukes, marquises, and others. The presentation was at the residence of the prima donna, and included a magnificent diamond bracelet and pair of diamond earrings of the richest and costliest design, with an appropriate inscription, recording the occasion of the gift and the names of the donors, engraved on vellum.

—Music is progressing in Russia. A musical society in St. Peter-burg has lately given some fine concerts, under direction of Rubenstein. Clara Schumann has also given several matinees. Musical societies have been established this season at Kiev and Cherkeff, while three grand concerts given at the Moscow Riding School—said to be the largest covered room in the world—attracted altogether no less than twelve thousand auditors. The object of these performances was to afford the poorer classes, by means of reduced prices of admission, a chance of hearing really good music.

—Meyerbeer's *Etoile du Nord* has just been revived in London, where it was first produced in 1855, with Besio, Gardoni, Lablache, and Formes in the principal parts. The theatre (Covent Garden) was burned a year later, with all the properties and dresses for this and forty other operas; but the music was accidentally in the hands of Frank Mori, and so was saved. The cast in the present revival includes Miolan-Carvalho, Naudin, and Faure, with one Mad'lle Brunetti as "Prascovia." The two *vivandieres*—Madame Rudersdorff and Jenny Bauer—were the same who sang the part nine years ago. Beverley had painted for the opera some admirable new scenery. The work has been well sung in this city, with La Grange and Brignoli in the principal parts.

—A church choir at the little German town of Salzung has been drilled and taught after the plan of the celebrated Berlin *Dom Chor*, and is attracting much attention. At a recent concert the following was the programme:—"O, Roma nobilis," (hymn of the eighth century); "Panis angelicus," by Palestrina; "Lux aeterna," by Jomelli; "Exultate Deo," by Scarlatti; chorale, "Jesu, meine Freude," by Sebastian Bach; "Tantum Ergo," by Cherubini, Prayer for three-part Boys' Chorus, by Hauptmann; and the Eighteenth Psalm, by Dr. Emil Naumann. "With the exception," says a critic, "of a few trifling deficiencies, the performance was excellent, and the advanced state of the choir, which is under the protection of the Crown Prince of Meiningen, does the greatest credit to its conductor, Herr Muller."

A SEAL STORY.

A while ago, thirty or forty years may be, there was a man of Skuto who wished to get by night from that island across the firth to Sando, so he got into his boat, as the weather was good, and rowed himself over. When he was almost across he came to a bit of a sandy holm that was there, not far from the land, and he saw in the moonlight, for it was at the full, a lot of people on the holm. Well, it struck him as a range, because no one lived on the holm, and no one lives there now; but he thought he would just see what they were doing. He was a bold young fellow whose heart never failed him, and besides, he had a hand on his shoulders. As he pulled his boat up he saw over so many sealskins lying on the shore, and as he went he pi ked up one and held it in his hand, scarcely knowing why.

As soon as he got near to the folk he saw they were all women, and some of them good-looking, too; but just as he was going to speak to them they all ran off down to the beach. He was no slow in following them, but they were faster than he was; maybe he was tired by the long row. But as he looked after them he could scarce believe his eyes when he saw them each throw a sealskin over their shoulders, and lo! in a trice they were turned into seals, and dashed and splashed into the wat r, all but one, the best-looking of all, who stood there weeping on the shore, because she could not get her sealskin. When he reached her she begged and prayed so prettily, and in such good Furoese, for her sealskin, that he had half a mind to give it to her; but the more he looked at her the more he liked her; so the end of it was, he find the sealskin fish about his body, and put the lassie into his boat, and rowed back home with her.

Yes, all the way back, for he wanted to show his bride to his mother. Well, she lived there with them for a little while for all the world like another woman, and when they wanted to have her baptized she said she had been baptized by their own parson in the sea. So they had her confirmed instead, and the end of it was, to make a long story short, the man married her, and she lived very happily with him. They had children, three or four, and folk began to forget altogether the strange way in which she had come among them. At last it happened one day, maybe just about this time of the year, the man was in his barley-field, which had ripened nicely that year, for a wonder, and he was reaping it, and his wife was in the house close down at the water's edge in Skufo, as all our houses are, and the bairns were playing about, running in and out of the baro. At last one of them lifted up the lid of an old chest that was there and dived into it with its little hand, and pulled out an old moth-eaten bit of fur. Off it ran to its mammy to show her what it had got. "See, mother, what I have found in the barn." But it was the wife's sealskin; and as soon as she saw it all her old love of the sea came back on her, and she ran down with it to the beach, but before she went she gave each bairn a kiss. Just then the husband was coming home to dinner, and when he saw his wife running down like a mad thing to the water he ran after her, for he thought one of the children must have tumbled into the water.

But, hown ver fast he ran, his wife ran faster still, and he only got to the strand in time to see her draw the old sealskin over her shoulders and jump into the sea and become a seal. Then he saw how it all was, and called after her, and upbraided her for leaving her husband and children to go back to the seals, of whom he saw two swimming off with her. But they say a man never can get the last word with his wife, and so it was even then, for, as she swam off, she turned her head round on her shoulders, and looked at him with her bright black eye, and said:—"Ah! but I had a seal husband in the sea before you stole my sealskin and carried me off, and here he is, and here he has been ever since, waiting for me till I could find my sealskin; and now I am going home with him to my first family, and you will never see me again; but do be kind to my children on land for my sake."—*A Fortnight in Faroe.*

GENERAL FREMONT.

From the Tribune.

Our readers will have observed that we have not seen fit to join in the line and cry set up by many of our con temporaries against John C. Fremont. Though we do not support him as a candidate for President, and believe he has made (as who has not?) some grave political mistakes, we hold him in high esteem as one who really desires to serve and save his country.

He is no Copperhead; he never yet rejoiced over a Union disaster, even though it discredited some bitter personal adversary; and he doubtless stands ready to day to make any personal sacrifice if he might thereby rescue his country from her "sea of troubles." We deem it, therefore, either wise nor just to build up walls of alienation between him and the great body of the devoted champions of the national cause.

To taunt the Republican candidate for President in 1856 as "The Lost Leader," is not the way to Unionist harmony and triumph. It serves to remind the country that General Fremont has been "lost" ere now. Thousands remember how long he was lost, when footless and shelterless, he was buried, with his daring band of sufferers, in the deep snows of the winter, on his way to that grand, rich country which he afterwards gave to the Union.

He was "lost" to the Democratic party when, in 1856, he rejected the pro-slavery dogma then wed ted into his creed, and became the popular leader of the young Republican host in the most vigorous and effective canvass since that of 1800. He was "lost" to his devoted army in 1861, when unwisely superseded, after long and toilsome marches, which had nearly cleared Missouri of armed Rebels, and when on the very brink of still more brilliant achievements. It were better we think, that he should not be "lost" now.

General Fremont has been accustomed all his life to a certain freedom of movement, regardless of consequences, which is not quite consistent with vigorous party discipline. "We have thrown away our packs and shall move on," was his characteristic reply to the savage chief who saw fit to arrest his winter advance through icy mountain gorges, when on his first exploring expedition.

He has never lacked the daring to risk everything in what he esteemed a good cause. Differing

NEWS JOTTINGS.

—The wholesale grocers of Chicago now sell for cash only.

—A new Horticultural Hall is going up in Boston, on Tremont street, between Bloomfield street and Montgomery place; and it is to be one of the most elegant structures in that city.

—A Trenton (N. J.) paper says:—"In this vicinity the tobacco crop now appears to be very promising. Several acres on Savage's Island, opposite this city, are now in tobacco, and it gives promise of a good yield."

—A vein of rich iron ore has recently been discovered at Walnut Grove, N. J., and is eleven feet wide. A portion of it runs along the surface of the ground, and from appearance can be mined for at least two years without the use of machinery. The vein contains about eighty per cent. of iron ore.

—The associate Alumni of the University of Vermont have made the following appointments for their celebration in 1865:—Orator, Charles L. Benedict, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Substitute, Hon. John E. King, Baltimore, Md.; Poet, R. D. Benedict, New York city; Substitute, Rev. C. L. Goodell, New Britain, Ct.

—At the recent anniversary of Bates College, at Lewistown, in Maine, the board of trustees elected Levi W. Stanton, Professor of Greek and Literature; Selden F. Neal, Professor of Mathematics and Jonathan Y. Stanton, Professor of Latin and Literature. Two professors were also elected, to enter upon their duties one year hence—Rev. B. F. Hayes, of Olneyville, R. I., Professor of Modern Languages; and Rev. G. T. Day, of Providence, R. I., Professor of Rhetoric and English Literature. Next year there will be elected, to enter upon their duties two years hence, a Professor of Moral and Intellectual Philosophy and a Professor of Natural Science and Agricultural Chemistry.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

TRANSPORTATION OFFICE PHILADELPHIA, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad Company.

PHILADELPHIA, August 10, 1864.

In accordance with an Act of Congress approved June 30, 1864, it becomes necessary that all receipts given by this Company for merchandise received for transportation should bear an INTERNAL REVENUE STAMP of the value of TWO CENTS, the expense of the same to be borne by the party receiving such receipt.

All receipts issued by this Company for merchandise delivered or consigned will be stamped by said Company.

CHARLES E. SMITH,
Master of Transportation.

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PHILADELPHIA AND READING Rail road Company.

NOTICE.—In consequence of the provisions of the New Internal Revenue Law, before signing receipts for property delivered to them for transportation, will require that a TWO CENT Revenue Stamp shall be furnished at the cost of the party who takes the Receipt.

For all Receipts issued by the Company for property delivered to other parties, the Stamps will be affixed and paid for by the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company.

JNO. S. HILLES,
General Freight Agent.

PHILADELPHIA, August 8, 1864. au10 6t

OFFICE OF THE PHILADELPHIA GAS WORKS, AUGUST 10, 1864.—At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Philadelphia Gas Works, held on the 8th instant, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:—

Whereas, The great advance in the cost of living imposed an imperative duty on the Trustees to advance the wages of the two grievous and wretched, the cost of coal and all other materials used in the manufacture of Gas having advanced from price that compels the Trustees, in order to preserve the important trust committed to their charge from serious loss, and to make the annual addition to the Sinking Fund required by law, to advance the price of Gas fifty cents per thousand cubic feet.

The Trustees are aware that the increased price will prove a burden to many consumers, and they greatly regret the necessity that compels it, but while the consumer reflects that the Gas Company has not increased its charges for labor, and only adds to the price of Gas fifty cents per thousand cubic feet, the increase of the value of but 1½ per cent. on the main article upon which we rely for revenue, the necessity must be apparent, particularly when the cheapness of the past year has allowed us to have realized to a large loss to the Trust, notwithstanding the further saving consequent enabled us to purchase coal at periods at very much cheaper prices be it therefore

Resolved, That the Chief Engineer be directed to give public notice, that on and after the first day of September next the price of Gas to private consumers shall be three dollars per thousand cubic feet, less a discount of 5 per cent. for prompt payment, and subject to the United States tax.

THOMAS S. STEWART,
Chief Engineer.

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Those who suffer from these maladies have now the very best opportunity for finding relief. The apparatus constructed by Dr. VON MOSCHZISKER is used entirely on the principle of applying the remedy directly to the seat of the disease to which it is directed, and eradicating it with wonderful rapidity. The application is painless. Office, No. 1027 WALNUT Street.

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Philadelphia, August 1, 1864.

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Parties across the Island will find Boats, Fishing Lines, &c., &c. Cars run to the House every twenty minutes. jy9-tf

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Capital, $300,000.
60,000 SHARES.....$5 A SHARE—PAR.

Subscription $2 each shares to original subscribers for 50,000 shares payable $1 cash down upon subscribing, and two other instalments of $1 each, payable on the 25th July and 25th August, 1864, respectively.

TEN THOUSAND SHARES
Reserved for Benefit of the Company.

The land purchased by the Vance Stewart Rock Oil Company, consists of one hundred and thirty-one acres, in the very core of the oil region, one thousand three hundred and ten feet on the Allegheny river, in Cranberry township, extending a considerable distance upon both sides of the Lower Two Mile Run, commonly called Van Buren Run, a couple of miles below Franklin, in Venango county, Pennsylvania. The Allegheny River Territory is yielding an abundant and permanent harvest of an excellent quality of Oil, the numerous wells bordering its banks proving to be even still greater readarity than the wells along Oil Creek.

It is believed the flow of Oil below the borough of Franklin, on the Allegheny river, will probably never become exhausted, because the stratification, or volcanic disruption of rock dips in a southwesterly direction; consequently the beds of Oil wells be nearer the surface at the upper end, say of Oil Creek, and wells would require to be bored deeper in proportion lower down the river, where, however, there would necessarily be the most permanent, and a much greater supply and superincumbent body or sea of Oil. It is certain that scores of wells on the river, in the immediate vicinity of the land, have continued productive during the last three or four years an unwavering and steady daily yield of oil.

A glance at the map will demonstrate the fact that the Lower Two Mile Run and Oil Creek are on the same diametrical, parallel line, and only distant from each other the identical same gauge between the range of hills from each other about three miles apart in precisely the same direction. It would, therefore, not be extraordinary if, by putting down on this land, a sufficient depth of fifteen eight hundred and fifty feet, that the Company's wells may strike that of Oil Creek to their supplies of hundreds of barrels of oil daily. Enormous profits would then be the fortunate result to the shareholders of this company.

On this particular tract of land there has been let on lease for twenty years, a well now pumping a fair portion of good Oil, although its depth of bore is considered quite insufficient in many large fields. Fifty per cent. of the Oil at this well's mouth was reserved as a royalty to the former owners of the land, and will at once inure to the benefit of the Company. There are also two other wells bored a few hundred feet deeper, but not yet tubed, but indicating a first-rate show of Oil; a barrel a day can generally be scraped out of them, and no doubt seems to exist that they will both prove highly remunerating wells when bored a reasonable depth. Another well to half bored, and promises a satisfactory yield.

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The fee of this valuable oil land, comprising one hundred and thirty-one acres, including the royalty of fifty per cent. of oil for the leased wells, now producing, and the entire right of the three wells partially developed, is purchased by the Company direct from the owner, for the moderate price of $137,500, with a Grist Mill in fine order, a sawing house, &c.; also patches of timber.

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The vast fortunes reaped by Rock Oil Companies established here and elsewhere are notorious. The Oil trade is yet in its infancy, and the demand constantly increasing. Its price is now $12 per barrel at the well's mouth, exclusive of the cask.

Last week will doubtless be struck at the depth of 850 feet, so as to reach the third Sandstone Rock. Wells have been bored heretofore to the depth only of about 500 feet in this vicinity. It is proposed to bore twenty wells on this property during the present year. There is room for one hundred wells. A perfect title, clear of all incumbrances is confidently assured to the Company.

Lists of subscription are now open until the 50,000 shares are subscribed, payable $1 per share, to the order of Alderman JAMES M'CAHEN, the Treasurer of the Company, No. 00 WALNUT Street, or at No. 125 WALNUT Street, or at the office of the Company, No. 219 WALNUT Street.

The public are invited to call for a prospectus. jy5-tf

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UNITED STATES
7-30 LOAN.

The Secretary of the Treasury gives notice that subscriptions will be received for Coupon Treasury Notes, payable three years from August 15, 1864, with semi-annual interest at the rate of seven and three-tenths per cent. per annum,—principal and interest both to be paid in lawful money.

These notes will be convertible at the option of the holder, at maturity, into six per cent. gold-bearing bonds, payable not less than five nor more than twenty years from their date, as the Government may elect. They will be issued in denominations of $50, $100, $500, $1000, and $5000, and all subscriptions must be for fifty dollars or some multiple of fifty dollars.

The notes will be transmitted to the owners free of transportation charges as soon after the receipt of the original Certificates of Deposit as they can be prepared.

As the notes draw interest from August 15, persons making deposits subsequent to that date must pay the interest accrued from date of note to date of deposit.

Parties depositing twenty-five thousand dollars and upwards for these notes at any one time will be allowed a commission of one-quarter of one per cent., which will be paid by the Treasury Department upon the receipt of a bill for the amount, certified to by the officer with whom the deposit was made. No deductions for commissions must be made from the deposits.

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It is a National Savings Bank, offering a higher rate of interest than any other, and *the best security*. Any savings bank which pays its depositors in United States Notes considers that it is paying in the best circulating medium of the country, and it cannot pay in anything better, for its own assets are either in Government securities or in notes or bonds payable in Government paper.

It is equally convenient as a temporary or permanent investment. The notes can always be sold for within a fraction of their face and accumulated interest, and are the best security with banks as collaterals for discounts.

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In addition to the very liberal interest on the notes for three years, this privilege of conversion is now worth about three per cent. per annum, for the current rate for 5-20 bonds is at less than *nine per cent. premium*, and is not the war the premium on six per cent. United States Stocks was ever nearly per cent. It will be seen that the actual profit on this loan, at the present market rate, is not less than ten per cent per annum.

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But aside from all the advantages we have enumerated, a special Act of Congress *exempts all bonds and Treasury notes from local taxation*. On the average, this exemption is worth about two per cent. per annum, according to the rate of taxation in various parts of the country.

It is believed that no securities offer so great inducements to lenders as those issued by the Government. In all other forms of indebtedness, the faith or ability of private parties, or stock companies, or separate communities, only, is pledged for payment, while the whole property of the country is held to secure the discharge of all the obligations of the United States.

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Duplicate certificates will be issued for all deposits. The party depositing must endorse upon the *original* certificate the denomination of notes required, and whether they are to be issued in blank or payable to order. When so endorsed, it must be left with the officer receiving the deposit, to be forwarded to the Treasury Department.

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FROM THE SOUTH.

Counterfeit Despatches of General Butler.

LOWER BRANDON ESTATE.

A Traitor Mourns Over Its Devastation.

RICHMOND "WHIG'S" OPINION OF THINGS IN GENERAL.

REBEL VIEW OF SHERMAN'S RAIDERS.

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From the Richmond Enquirer.

A gallant soldier of the Confederate service sends us the following document. We have not deemed it necessary to inquire how he came in possession of it. The details here given, however, of the military operations under the direction of Beast Butler, will be read with interest; particularly from the fact that it may be looked upon as being as truthful a record of Butler's military achievements in the neighborhood of Petersburg as any he has heretofore seen fit to despatch to the Yankee Secretary of War:—

HEADQUARTERS, ON BOARD GREYHOUND, June 28, 1864.—Hon E. M. Stanton, Secretary of War, U. S. A.:—I have the honor to transmit herewith, in the form of a diary, the operations of my troops after landing at Bermuda Hundred on the 3d May:—

MAY 6.—I sent out General Heckman with five regiments and two pieces of artillery, towards Walthall Junction. He met and gloriously defeated a regiment of South Carolinians, and then retired, leaving his dead and wounded in the hands of said Carolinians, in accordance with the policy of embarrassing the enemy by such spoils, adopted by most of our Generals in this war.

MAY 7.—Sent out General Brooks with five brigades to the same point. He gained a decisive victory over two brigades of Rebels, and retired after dark to our intrenchments, leaving his dead and wounded behind. He also reports a complete success in burning a saw-mill and some private residences.

MAY 9.—Sent General Gillmore to capture Petersburg, as the Rebels have no works on the north side of the city. He routed the Rebels with terrible slaughter on Swift creek, shelled Dunlop's house, chased an ambulance committee composed of the old gentlemen of Petersburg, burned several shanties, and returned to our intrenchments.

MAY 13.—Sent Generals Gillmore and Smith to capture Drewry's Bluff. They stormed at the point of the bayonet the works abandoned by the Rebels. To-morrow we will open the navigation of the James.

MAY 16.—Met General Gillmore retiring with his troops to our intrenchments. He said that Beauregard had attacked him with musketry and he would not submit to it. "This," he said, "was the age of long-range artillery—musketry was a relic of barbarism; he fought with 100 pound Parrotts on Morris island, and he would not permit the Rebels to force him to engage in their favorite mode of warfare." My headquarters were too distant to hear the fire of musketry—I heard the artillery, but thought it was the Rebels blowing up their iron-clad vessels. We burned four more houses to-day.

MAY 17.—Begun an observatory to-day at Cobb's burned house.

MAY 20.—The Rebels assaulted our rifle-pits to-day. We killed 2507 and wounded 9763. The Rebel assaulting column consisted of Beauregard's forces, Hardee's Corps, from Johnston's army, and Longstreet's Corps, of Lee's army, in all, as shown by a captured field return, of 74,528 effectives. General Smith burned a barn to-day.

JUNE 3.—My observatory is now fifty feet high. Could see a heavy fight raging all day about Gaines' Mill. With a powerful glass I could see the Rebels flying in great disorder into Richmond. I counted 117,982 fugitives from the battle-field.

JUNE 9.—I sent General Gillmore with a division of infantry, and General Kautz with a brigade of veteran raiders, to capture Petersburg. General Kautz gained a glorious victory over fully two hundred militiamen, on the Jerusalem Plank road, but, being flanked on the right, left, and centre, he was compelled to retire after burning several houses. General Gillmore pushed up the City Point road until he discovered that the Rebels were armed with muskets and rifles, when he returned, and now proposes to establish a battery of Rodman guns on the top of my observatory (already two hundred feet high). I held this post during the whole of the fierce contest of to-day, but escaped unhurt. It is only eight miles from Petersburg.

JUNE 15.—General Baldy Smith surprised and captured the fortifications around Petersburg this morning. The Rebel troops and trains can be seen from my observatory (now 300 feet high), flying in the wildest confusion to the north side of the Appomatox. Do they think that my side of the river is the safest?

JUNE 16.—With two brigades of my command, a full regiment of Rebel sharpshooters was driven from my front, and the railroad torn up at Walthall Junction. I could see the whole of the brilliant affair from my lookout (now 400 feet high).

7 A. M., JUNE 17.—Hancock and Smith captured Petersburg last night. From my stand (now 500 feet high), I can see the hills around Petersburg covered with Union troops.

12 M.—The fog has lifted up, and the troops which I see around Petersburg are Lee's ragged Rebels.

JUNE 18.—I had almost omitted to state that 150,000 Rebels charged my small force, and re-took their old line in front of Mr. Howlett's. When the firing commenced I was obliged to leave my observatory (at this date 600 feet high), and ride rapidly on an official visit to Admiral Lee on board of his monitor flagship.

JUNE 22.—Left Admiral Lee this morning, upon the approach of the Rebel iron-clads, to get a better view of the naval engagement from my observatory (now 700 feet high). The Rebel fleet behaved with great gallantry. It steamed down until only separated from our fleet by several miles of water and the obstructions in the James. Two enormous projectiles thrown by Admiral Lee produced no intimidation, at least none could be seen from my lookout (to be finished within a month). Prisoners report that the Rebel Secretary was on board the fleet and their splendid fighting may have been due to his presence.

FORTRESS MONROE, June 26.—A brief summary of my successes will now be submitted. I have built on Rebel soil an observatory 1000 feet high, from which I have witnessed some of the greatest Union victories of the war. I have killed and wounded 19,876 and captured 16,244 of Beauregard's men and about an equal number of Lee's men, including 7671 of Pickett's old Division. I have burned 213 private residences, ditto barns, 326 cribs, 17 grist mills, 9 saw mills, I have captured and do now possess 23 pianos, 52 carriages, 61 buggies, 324 saddle horses, 516 mules, 813 chemises, 813 night-caps, 813 pairs of hose, 673 earrings, 406 corsets, 272 pairs of shoes, No. 2, 117 pairs, No. 3, 98 pairs of brogans, No. 13, 56 demijohns of whisky, 119 barrels of persimmon beer, 354 silver spoons, 708 German silver ditto, 1532 pewter ditto, 786 young hens, 112 setting hens, 93 game roosters (Virginia's stock), 35,415 geese (exactly the original number of men in my command), 12 donkeys (two given to Gillmore and one each to the rest of my Generals).

Feeling the necessity of taking care of the spoils of victory, I have retired to Fortress Monroe.

Your obedient servant,

B. F. BUTLER, Major-General.

An "F. F." Utters a Wail Concerning his Devastated Property.

From the Richmond Examiner.

To the Hon. Edward Everett, Massachusetts:—Sir.—In one of those peregrinations made by you, several years ago, in the Southern States of what was then the American Union, in which you were pleased to instruct the Virginians and others on the subject of the character of George Washington, whereof heretofore they had been deplorably ignorant, you visited, if I mistake not, the ancient seat of "Lower Brandon," on James river, and partook, for a season, of that elegant hospitality which formerly held sway in its delightful halls and gardens. You may, perhaps, have forgotten your brief sojourn there, and care little to recall it. What you have since written and spoken of the Southern people induces the belief that if you retain any remembrance of the peaceful homesteads in which you were once received as a welcome and honored guest, and of the kind proprietors who greeted you with so much warmth upon the threshold, it is associated only with the wish that those homesteads may be laid waste, and those proprietors reduced to beggary.

You will therefore be gratified to learn, beyond a doubt, that "Lower Brandon" is a ruin; and, as the journals of civilization, as well in your enlightened and humane city of Boston as elsewhere throughout the great, glorious, and free United States, are not full and circumstantial with regard to the devastations of the Federal troops, you will probably be thankful for some account, from a Virginian, of this latest achievement of your arms. It is enough for the Northern newspapers to state, in brief, that such a mansion has been pillaged and consumed, so many acres impoverished and reclaimed to the military possession of the Federal Government. Nor do the official reports of your plundering commanders go beyond a general statement of desolation. The Federal general makes a solitude and calls it a restoration of the Federal authority. He does not descend to the vulgar incidents of spoliation and ravage, nor narrate how he has endeavored to convert his acquired territory into a wilderness.

You may recollect, sir, the fair lawns across which lay the walk from the river to Brandon mansion. Nowhere, I think, on this continent, did the turf wear a richer green; nowhere did the roses display more grace and profusion. The darksome covers which the mocking-bird made musical; the tall elms which looked down upon the quaint old edifice and caught upon their quivering leaves the too fierce heats of the Virginia sun; the trellises of honeysuckles murmurous with insect-life; the ample width of greensward, with here and there a vase overrun with myrtle; all these surroundings gave an indescribable charm to the place, and harmonized with the repose and refinement that dwelt under the roof-tree. The visitor saw all around him the evidences of taste and culture, the growth of a century or more of uninterrupted occupancy by the same family.

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Oh no, the spoliation of the South is not an unavoidable incident of the war—it is the very object the war has in view. Long ago has the hope of subjugation been abandoned, and this purpose of ruin has become fixed in the breasts of Northern people as the amiable alternative. The children of Massachusetts, Mr. Everett, are wiser in their generation than to desolate the fields they expect to divide among themselves; to deface or demolish the dwellings they hope hereafter to occupy. If they believed that the next year or the year after would find them masters of the South, they would take care not to impoverish their future possessions. When Grant's or Butler's lines had fallen in pleasant places, these canny commanders would not have despoiled their goodly heritage.

It is the conviction that their tenure is a fleeting one which induces them, in baffled rage, to employ the particular estate in ruining the reversion. The idea is not a new one. It occurred to Louvois when he ordered the devastation of the Palatines. The historian records it as a stain upon the memory of Louvois, as a lasting infamy upon the name of his minister, that in wanton malice they determined to destroy that they were unable to retain. It was an "atrocious thought," says Lord Macaulay, but the North now nurses it fondly, and the North has long been accredited with the imputation of a rocity.

You will tell me, perhaps, that for one you have not relinquished the hope of subjugation, and, if I am not deceived, you undertook to show, in your discourse at the inauguration of the cemetery at Gettysburg, that there was nothing in the bloodshed, the life-long hatreds, the wide waste and widowhood, the mutilations that may not be computed, the legacies of revenge for crimes that may not be named, of this Lincoln war, to make reconstruction and a restoration of fraternal feeling impossible. The demonstration must have been grateful to the author of the strife, who sat in your hearing. But forbeadings of a different kind must have filled your soul, three years ago, before the first gun had sounded, when in Faneuil Hall (5th February, 1861) you invoked the name of Heaven to allow the Southern States to "depart in peace." And if you think the conquest and subjection of eight millions of people a practicable thing—people who during these three or four years have developed traits of character which have elicited the admiration of mankind,—it is clear that your views have undergone a most remarkable change since you addressed the noble youth of Amherst College, in the year of grace 1855, on the theme "Education Favorable to Liberty, Knowledge, and Morals." In that finished oration (see "Everett's Orations and Speeches," vol. first, page 603) I read as follows:—

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Oh no, the spoliation of the South is not an unavoidable incident of the war—it is the very object the war has in view. Long ago has the hope of subjugation been abandoned, and this purpose of ruin has become fixed in the breasts of Northern people as the amiable alternative. The children of Massachusetts, Mr. Everett, are wiser in their generation than to desolate the fields they expect to divide among themselves; to deface or demolish the dwellings they hope hereafter to occupy. If they believed that the next year or the year after would find them masters of the South, they would take care not to impoverish their future possessions. When Grant's or Butler's lines had fallen in pleasant places, these canny commanders would not have despoiled their goodly heritage.

It is the conviction that their tenure is a fleeting one which induces them, in baffled rage, to employ the particular estate in ruining the reversion. The idea is not a new one. It occurred to Louvois when he ordered the devastation of the Palatines. The historian records it as a stain upon the memory of Louvois, as a lasting infamy upon the name of his minister, that in wanton malice they determined to destroy that they were unable to retain. It was an "atrocious thought," says Lord Macaulay, but the North now nurses it fondly, and the North has long been accredited with the imputation of a rocity.

You will tell me, perhaps, that for one you have not relinquished the hope of subjugation, and, if I am not deceived, you undertook to show, in your discourse at the inauguration of the cemetery at Gettysburg, that there was nothing in the bloodshed, the life-long hatreds, the wide waste and widowhood, the mutilations that may not be computed, the legacies of revenge for crimes that may not be named, of this Lincoln war, to make reconstruction and a restoration of fraternal feeling impossible. The demonstration must have been grateful to the author of the strife, who sat in your hearing. But forbeadings of a different kind must have filled your soul, three years ago, before the first gun had sounded, when in Faneuil Hall (5th February, 1861) you invoked the name of Heaven to allow the Southern States to "depart in peace." And if you think the conquest and subjection of eight millions of people a practicable thing—people who during these three or four years have developed traits of character which have elicited the admiration of mankind,—it is clear that your views have undergone a most remarkable change since you addressed the noble youth of Amherst College, in the year of grace 1855, on the theme "Education Favorable to Liberty, Knowledge, and Morals." In that finished oration (see "Everett's Orations and Speeches," vol. first, page 603) I read as follows:—

"The degree of force required to hold a population in subjection, other things being equal, is in direct ratio to its intelligence and skill; its acquaintance with the arts of life; its sense of the worth of existence; in fine, to its spirit and character. There is a point, indeed, beyond which, when cruel war and republican rage has shattered its foundation and prostrated its plantations, could have presented a picture of destruction more complete and satisfactory. If the owners of "Lower Brandon" were Rebels, and upheld the ancient fame of Virginia in the hour of her agony and trial, they have been well repaid in this waste of the grounds they so loved to adorn. The traitorous turf has been cloven and cut up by the hoofs of the Federal cavalry; the rebellious roses may, perhaps, burst forth in their beauty again with the smiling spring, but it will be only to mock the fallen state of the whole establishment; and every disloyal Dryad that frequented the copses around has been scared away into her native woods.

The Brandon House, as you may or may not remember, was a very cozy, rambling, old-fashioned, age-colored building, that would have been thought shabby in New York or Massachusetts. Quite unlike the marble villas that sparkle on the heights of Staten Island, altogether different from the superb structures that line the banks of the Hudson, and crown the hills around Boston. Not an Italian corridor, not a mullioned window about it. Bricks, small and glazed, brought out in George the Second's time from England. Rooms rather large and wainscoted, windows low and narrow, fire-places huge, staircases also objectionable as regards economy of space. What furniture these deserted rooms still contained, most of it mellowed by time, was taken out by the Federal cavalry and burned upon the lawn, as was proper. You will likewise approve the tearing down of wainscots, the breaking up the paneling of the doors, and the demolition of the stone pavements of the porticoes. Of the window panes a word.

It had been the habit of the Brandon people to preserve on these frail tablets the autographs of their visitors for many, many years past. When a party came, in the season of strawberries or in the midst of the Christmas cheer, and made pleasant holiday at Brandon, they were asked to scratch their signatures with a diamond on the panes before their departure. The names of many eminent gentlemen of England, France, and the United States were thus recorded. Your own most illustrious name was there, with the names of Millard Fillmore and Martin Van Buren.

The pretty custom was always honored; and looking over the inscriptions, from the more recent to those of a generation gone by, the past, with all its clear associations and rosy faces, long missed but unforgotten, came back upon one in a strange, sudden sort of way, that made the eyes moist and the lips tremulous. Somebody once wrote some verses about these panes, in which the diamonds and the bright eyes and the far-away festivities of other Christmas seasons were mixed up and made metrical in a truly memorable manner. Well, the window-panes were all smashed. Why, bless you, it was great fun for the hulking cavalrymen to knock them out with the points of their sabres. *Que voulez-vous?*

Among the dwellers in Brandon, at the time of your visit, were a dozen or more graceful ladies and gentlemen in the gay flowing costumes, the ruffles and point lace of some stately period of which Sir Anthony Vandyck and Sir Godfrey Kneller have transmitted to us so many charming representatives. There was the Earl of Orrery, and Halifax, and Colonel the Hon. William Byrd of Westover, Esq., and the Colonel's fair daughter, Mistress Evelyn, and other historical personages. They had been members of the Brandon household from the beginning, and lived on the walls of drawing-room and dining-room, giving very little trouble to anybody, and passing their time in the hours of daylight in looking placidly down on the good cheer and social enjoyment which belonged to these apartments. There was a tradition that, sometimes in the silent watches of the night, during Christmas tide especially, they came down from their frames and held wassail at the board, or danced a *minuet de la cour* in the ruddy glow of the blazing yule.

Your satisfaction in hearing the details of the Brandon raid may possibly be lessened by the fact that these ladies and gentlemen were not made prisoners by the United States Army, having accompanied the living members of the family to Richmond when they were constrained, in the wounded distrust of Yankee chivalry, to leave their beautiful home and carry their cherished Lares and Penates with them. *Cela incommode.* But there is a compensation in the thought that the negroes belonging to this estate, to the number of one hundred or more, were taken off, despite the earnest entreaties and protestations of many of them, and made to accept their freedom at the end of the cowhide and the point of the bayonet. *Cela console.*

Ah, the negroes! There are some facts connected with those remaining at Brandon since the commencement of the war, and their abduction therefrom, to which I beg to call your attention. The first is, that the owners of them, at any time these three years, might easily enough have removed men, women, and children from tide-water, and transported them to Middle Georgia for security, or sold them at immense prices and invested the proceeds in cotton bonds. The owners did not do this. Not that they were blind to the danger that threatened the estate, not that they were too impatient to resort to such measures. Oh, no! They knew nothing of humanity, of course. Humanity has her home in Boston. The promptings of pity, the teachings of tenderness for white or black sorrow, sickness, or adversity, all the emotions that belong to what Sterne calls the "sweet sensibility of man's nature," stir not the hearts of slaveholders.

Let us suppose that the Brandon proprietors permitted the negroes to remain on the estate through the stolid inattention to their own interest which characterize the Virginian—because they weren't smart. Be that as it may. Leastways, anyhow, nevertheless, notwithstanding, there the negroes did remain in close, comfortable cabins, each head of his own family with his pot *au feu*, and his garden patch to supply the same, and his piccaninies toddling around him, the little particles of shadow in the sunshine, darkly happy, their negroes, dreaming not of disturbance—a pleasure, as you will say, of degraded democracy and benighted contentment. One member of the Brandon family—of the "white folks" I mean—had remained with them, not so much for the maintenance of discipline as for the preservation of their health, a kind doctor, doing good, as you think, not for good's sake at all, but from motives purely mercenary, that the "property" might be kept up to a marketable standard of *physique*—this "property," look you, which was all along at the mercy of the enemy, and which the owners would not sell even to save it from robbery.

Thus cared for, the Brandon negroes flourished until the Federal cavalry came down like the wolf on the fold and carried off the woolly innocents in a manner quite in keeping with Yankee philanthropy. Some of the negroes went with alacrity, pleased with the idea of "eager" clothes and military grandeur; others bade adieu to their callins with an intensity of grief that might have moved even a Black Republican; others again were nonplussed, and could only be urged forward by the lash, laid on with true Yankee ferocity (see the managerial conduct of Legree, a Vermont overseer, Uncle Tom's Cabin, Mrs. H. B. Stowe); and let it be understood that only such were taken, rejoicing or reluctant, as were of sound health and matured strength; the helpless infants, the aged and infirm, were left behind.

One poor woman, thus deserted, whose children had been torn from her arms, followed the train, howling out a heart-broken appeal that she might be permitted to accompany them. Considering how much mandlin sympathy has been snuffled in Yankee lecture-rooms and printed in Yankee newspapers for thirty years past about the cruel separation of black mothers from their children under slavery, one might suppose that this appeal would have been heeded. It seems not. Her ululation soon became annoying, and this weeping, dusky Rachel was knocked down by a blow on the head from the butt end of a musket, and left senseless, bleeding in the road. Thus, while their cabins were left blazing behind them, the freed blacks moved down to the Yankee boats.

Poor creatures! did they know what lay before them, they might, indeed, have piteously bemoaned their fate. Many a wretched negro beyond the Potomac now bitterly laments his sad fortune of freedom—day by day the miserable exile, dying of destitution or disease in the crowded cribs of Washington or the squalid purlieus of New York, gives his latest sigh for "Ole Virginny"—

Et dulces moriens reminiscitur Argos.

Such, sir, was the calamity that overtook "Lower Brandon." It is so far from being an exceptional case, that this country-seat was the only one within the enemy's lines that had not been wasted or pillaged at the close of 1863. Exceptional, in this respect, the estate was till Butler and barbarism came together into tide-water Virginia.

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